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Vacancies of Scientists agriculture Universities

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of vacancies of scientists and head of the agriculture universities of the country alongwith the time by which these vacancies are likely to be filled up;
- (b) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for promoting research in agriculture universities of the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the contribution of these universities in promoting agriculture and horticulture in maoist affected and border areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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(a) The State Agricultural Universities are working under administrative control of the concerned State Governments and therefore no such data is being maintained at Central level.

(b) To improve the quality of research and for attaining excellence in specific strategic areas in education and research, the Universities are being supported in specific Niche Areas under centrally sponsored plan scheme "Strengthening and development of Higher Agricultural Education in India" In addition, Government is funding for National Professor and National Fellow Schemes to encourage basic and strategic research of national importance. The aim is to strengthen agricultural education and research through excellence in teaching, research, consultancy & other services in specific field.

(c) There are 73 State Agricultural Universities, Central Agricultural Universities, Deemed-to-be Universities and Central Universities with Agricultural Faculty (State wise list enclosed) spread across the country involved in Agricultural, Horticultural, Forestry, Veterinary and Fisheries Research and Education. These Universities are contributing immensely for enhancement of Agricultural and Horticultural production in the Country.
