

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF HORTICULTURE UNIVERSITY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has any proposal to set up a new Saffron Park in the country;
- (b) if so, the details along with the estimated cost of the project and the time by which the new Saffron Park is likely to be set up;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up a Horticulture University in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the new Universities are likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b): Government of India (GoI) is implementing the National Saffron Mission (NSM) since 2010 – 11 with total cost of Rs.372.18 crore with GoI share of Rs.288.06 crore under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), including setting up of a Saffron Park at Pampore, District Pulwama at a cost of Rs.24.40 crore.

(c) & (d): Union Budget (2014-15) provides for an allocation of Rs.200.00 crore for establishment of Agriculture Universities in Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan and Horticulture Universities in Telangana and Haryana. As per information received from Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), the matter has been taken up with Government of Telangana and Haryana.