

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the details of institutions engaged in the areas of agricultural education and research in the North-East region including Meghalaya and Sikkim, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has asked the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) to study the feasibility of opening agriculture and veterinary universities in the North-East States, including Sikkim and Meghalaya;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, including proposed focus areas of these universities along with the expected time of completion of the said projects; and
- (d) the other steps taken by the Government to strengthen agricultural education and research in the region?

Answer

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

- (a) Information enclosed (Annexure-I).
- (b) The proposal to establish one Central Agriculture University (CAU) at Barapani, Meghalaya is under consideration.
- (c) The CAU, Barapani shall take care of agriculture education and research needs with special emphasis related to the states of Meghalaya and Nagaland and it is planned for XII Plan.
- (d) Through the Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) and other Government programme including Rural Agricultural Work Experience (RAWI), Experiential Learning Programme (ELP), National Talent Scholarship (NTS), and grants for quality assurance of Agricultural Education under the Plan Scheme, 'Strengthening and Development of Higher Agricultural Education in India', alongwith network of various ICAR Research Institutes and their Regional Stations, Central and State Agricultural Universities and their Research stations, All India Coordinated Research Projects (AICRPs), Consortia Research Platforms (CRPs), Network Projects, Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) etc., the agricultural research & education requirement of the region are being taken care of.