

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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OPENING OF HORTICULTURE UNIVERSITY

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to open horticulture university in Haryana, Andhra Pradesh and Telengana;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has urged the State Governments to identify the land/ location for setting up of National Horticultural University;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and along with the present status thereof; and
- (e) the details of the benefits likely to be accrued by setting up of these Universities?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): In the Union Budget 2014-15 announcement has been made to open one Horticultural University each in the States of Telangana and Haryana. There is no such proposal for Andhra Pradesh.
- (c) The State Governments of Telangana and Haryana have been requested to identify land to set up State Horticultural universities.
- (d) The Government of Telangana has identified the land in Medak District and the response of Haryana Government is awaited.
- (e) Setting-up of Horticultural Universities shall have more research activity and focus on Horticultural Education in a specialized manner and shall also help in making the optimum utilization of resources and boost the production in the region.