GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 484 TO BE ANSWERED ON 14/12/2018

ESTABLISHMENT OF AGRICULTURE UNIVERSITY IN ANDHRA PRADESH

484. SHRI C.M. RAMESH:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that as per provisions of the AP Reorganisation Act, 2014, Central Government shall take steps to establish an Agriculture University in Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the latest status of the University, the funds which have been released for establishing the University and the timeline for completion thereof along with the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) Yes Sir. During the budget (2014-15) presented in the Lok Sabha on 10.07.2014, the Hon'ble Finance Minister proposed establishment of an Agriculture University in the state of Andhra Pradesh and an initial sum of Rs. 50.00 crores was allocated for the purpose.

(b)

- The land of 102.90 acres has been transferred from Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University to Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University on 9th June, 2018.
- Considering the Action Plan received from Govt of Andhra Pradesh, financial support has been extended for "Establishment of new State Agricultural University in the Residuary State of Andhra Pradesh". An amount of Rs. 10.00 crore was released in the year 2014-15 and Rs. 75.00 crore was released during

- 2015-16. Further, an amount of Rs. 50.00 crore was released in the year 2016-17. The Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) has released a total of Rs. 135.00 crore so far.
- Out of 135.00 crores released, the details of progress provided by the university are as follows:
 - (a) Completion of faculty block construction
 - (b) Construction of boys hostel and girls is in progress
 - (c) Construction of boundary wall is in progress.
 - (d) Initiated the process for construction of Integrated Administrative Building (IAB) alongwith infrastructural facilities.
