

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

RAJYA SABHA
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SCARCITY OF FUNDS FOR AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES

1958 **DR. FAUZIA KHAN:**

Will the Minister of *Agriculture and Farmers Welfare* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether agricultural universities/institutes in the country are not functioning properly due to the scarcity of funds;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps taken thereon; and
- (c) the details of the infrastructure and financial assistance provided to the States for agricultural research and education?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) and (b): No sir, Agriculture including agricultural education [list (ii) entry 14 of schedule 7] is a state subject. Accordingly, State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) are funded by respective State Governments. Central Agricultural Universities (CAUs) are funded by Government of India and required funds are provided to CAUs by Government for their smooth functioning. Agricultural Universities including SAUs are supported for strengthening of infrastructure and Human Resource Development (HRD) Programmes under specific Central Sector Schemes.

(c): During the year 2021-22, an amount of Rs.225 Crore was released to all Agricultural Universities in the Country under “National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP)” to strengthen the higher agricultural education in India in the following areas:

- i. Establishment of smart and virtual classrooms, library automation, Industry Interaction Cells, Placement cells, alumni cells.
- ii. Establishment of Learning and Assessment Centres, E-learning studios, Career Development Centres, Faculty Development Centres, Artificial intelligence and Robotics Labs, 3D printing Labs, Student hostels, Examination Halls, Auditoriums etc.
