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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-492**  
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**OPENING OF AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES IN REMOTE RURAL AREAS**

492. DR. SUMER SINGH SOLANKI:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to open agricultural universities in remote rural areas, particularly in the tribal/adivasi areas;
- (b) if so, whether an agricultural university will be opened in the Nimar region of Madhya Pradesh; and
- (c) if not, whether there is any such proposal in the future?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY)

**(a) to (c):** At present, there is no proposal to open any Central Agricultural University (CAU) in remote rural areas, particularly in the Tribal/Adivasi areas.

Madhya Pradesh state has 03 Universities which cater the need of agriculture & allied subjects for the welfare of the farming community as well as students. These are:

- (i) Nanaji Deshmukh Veterinary Science University, Jabalpur
- (ii) Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Gwalior
- (iii) Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Jabalpur

Agriculture including agricultural education being a state subject, opening of agricultural universities/colleges comes within the purview of State Governments.

Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is involved in strengthening and development of higher agricultural education through curriculum development and accreditation of courses.

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