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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

RAJYA SABHA
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PLACEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL GRADUATES

1464. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that only about 29 per cent agriculture graduates found jobs during campus placements in 2023-24;
- (b) details of placements in agricultural colleges in the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) details of steps taken to increase academia and industry connect to increase placements for graduates in agricultural sciences; and
- (d) whether any partnership with agribusinesses and agricultural research institutes is being planned for better job opportunities for graduates, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY)

(a) & (b): Agriculture, including agricultural education, is a State subject. Accordingly, State Governments establish agricultural universities and colleges based on their regional requirements, and all related records including student placement data are maintained by the respective institutions.

However, a study conducted by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has indicated that student placement rates have improved from 36% in 2017–18 to 67% in 2023–24 based on the data collected from selected Universities/colleges.

There are 03 Central Agricultural Universities (CAUs) viz. Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural Universities (DRPCA), Pusa, Bihar; Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University (RLBCAU), Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh, Central Agricultural University (CAU), Imphal, Manipur under the aegis of Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), Government of India. The percentage of agricultural graduates placed through campus placement ranged from 26.2-53.2% during 2023-24.

The placement details under CAU colleges during the last 3 years is given at **Annexure.**

(c) & (d): Following steps were taken to increase academia and industry connect, and partnerships with agribusinesses and agricultural research institutes planned for better job opportunities and to increase placements for graduates in agricultural sciences:

1. Strengthened industry–academia linkages through structured partnerships such as advisory boards, joint research projects, and corporate-sponsored student programmes to enhance knowledge transfer, practical exposure, and employment pathways.
2. Regular campus placement drives with agribusiness companies.
3. Establishment and strengthening of the Career Counselling & Placement Cell.
4. Skill development trainings, educational tours, and industry-exposure visits.
5. Promoting agricultural entrepreneurship and startup incubation, supporting over 120 student-led startups that generated employment and developed innovative solutions to agricultural challenges.
6. Implemented programme such as Student READY to provide hands-on rural experience.
7. ICAR restructured undergraduate (UG) curricula across 13 disciplines as per NEP-2020, introducing industry-linked internships. Students may undertake internships when exiting with a UG certificate (after one year) or UG diploma (after two years), and all UG students complete a mandatory industry internship in the 8th semester to enhance practical exposure and employability.
8. Strengthening agribusiness and startup support through **a-IDEA**, the Agri-Business Incubator at ICAR- National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM), Hyderabad which promotes agribusiness, agri-startups, innovation, and entrepreneurship through strong networking and robust industry partnerships.

[Part (a) & (b) of Rajya Sabha USQ No. 1464 dated 12/12/2025]

Details of placements in agricultural colleges in the last 3 years, state-wise

A. Central Agricultural University, Lamphelpat, Imphal, Manipur							
S. No.	Name of College	Details of Students placed in last three years					
		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25	
		No. of students	% of students	No. of students	% of students	No. of students	% of students
1	College of Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry, Selesih, Aizawl, Mizoram	22	48.89	51	75	40	68.62
2	College of Horticulture and Forestry, Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh	82	2.4	81	3.7	84	4.20
3	College of Agricultural Engineering and Post Harvest Technology, Ranipool, Gangtok, Sikkim	02	4.2	03	8.3	3	5.97
4	College of Community Science, Tura, Meghalaya	36	5.5	33	1	38	12.80
5	College of Agriculture, Iroisemba, Manipur	145	79.19	163	69.74	155	72.62
6	College of Post Graduate Studies in Agricultural Sciences, Umiam, Meghalaya	43	34.4	21	26.25	35	42.22
7	College of Agriculture, Kyrdemkulai, Meghalaya	00	00	3	16.38	2	7.68
8	College of Fisheries, Lembucherra, Tripura	25	34	11	16	19	22.38
9	College of Food Technology, Lamphelpat, Imphal, Manipur	04	40	00	00	3	13.33
10	College of Horticulture, Thenzawl, Mizoram	14	14.28	13	7.69	15	11.24
11	College of Agriculture, Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh	6	14.63	1	1.9	4	8.21
12	College of Horticulture, Bermiok, Sikkim	2	14.29	0	0	3	14.76
13	College of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry, Jalukie, Nagaland	26	32	31	13	28	32.33

B. Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa, Samastipur, Bihar							
	Name of College	Details of Students placed in last three years					
		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25	
S.No.		No. of students	% of students	No. of students	% of students	No. of students	% of students
1	Post Graduate College of Agriculture, RPCAU, Pusa, Bihar	27	21.60	18	16.98	47	58.02
2	Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay College of Horticulture & Forestry, Piprakothi, , Bihar	5	16.13	5	15.63	1	2.22
3	College of Community Science, Pusa, Bihar	0	0.00	5	8.20	12	26.67
4	College of Agriculture Engineering and Technology, RPCAU, Pusa, Bihar	8	16.33	9	19.15	37	71.15
5	College of Fisheries, Dholi, Bihar	4	8.33	1	2.17	9	20.00
6	Tirhut College of Agriculture, Dholi, Bihar	39	43.82	53	62.35	20	25.97
7	College of Basic Science & Humanities, RPCAU, Pusa, Bihar	3	6.12	1	1.61	0	0.00
8	School of Agri Business & Rural Management, RPCAU, Pusa, Bihar	50	100.00	42	100.00	51	79.69
C. Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh							
	Name of College	Details of Students placed in last three years					
		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25	
S.No		No. of students	% of students	No. of students	% of students	No. of students	% of students
1	College of Agriculture, Jhansi Campus, Uttar Pradesh	8	20	13	27	6	17
2	College of Horticultural and Forestry, Jhansi Campus, Uttar Pradesh	6	20	9	25	4	15
3	College of Fisheries, Datia Campus, Madhya Pradesh	These colleges just started their degree programme and final batch is yet to pass out.					
4	College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Datia Campus, Madhya Pradesh						
5	College of Horticultural, Morena, Madhya Pradesh						
