

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4216
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28/03/2017

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

4216. SHRI HARIOM SINGH RATHORE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India is an agricultural country but the place of agriculture in education is negligible and agriculture is still deprived of education, employment, industry etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has a proposal to encourage the education in agriculture, agro industry sectors etc.; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री
(SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA)

- (a) It is a fact that India is an agricultural country and Agriculture Education in India has a long history with specialized agricultural universities in the country. There is adequate employment in agriculture sector and established agro-industries.
- (b) There are 73 universities including State Agricultural Universities (SAUs), Central Agricultural Universities (CAUs), ICAR-deemed-to-be Universities and Central Universities with Agriculture Faculty imparting education in the field of Agriculture and Allied Sciences.
- (c) Government has given adequate focus on Agriculture Education related to Agro-industrial sector.
- (d) The sectors related to agro-industry such as farm machinery, Cold Storage, Agro-Processing, Agro-Chemicals, Value Addition, Seed Production, Precision Farming and Post Harvest Management are adequately addressed in curricula of UG and PG program of Agriculture Education.