

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 485
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19/12/2017

REVISION IN COURSE OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

485. DR. RAM SHANKAR KATHERIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a need to revise the courses for agricultural education in an agrarian country like India;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is contemplating to change traditional agricultural education course for developing 70 percent agricultural area and imparting training to skilled and professional youths;
- (c) whether there is a need to establish new agricultural universities/agricultural colleges and agriculture institutes as professional youths in agriculture sector are required and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether assistance from international institutes is under consideration for giving international recognition to agricultural education; and
- (e) 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 GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) The Agriculture course curricula has been revised periodically by Deans' Committees. The Fifth Deans' Committee Report has been approved in 2016 to bring uniformity and upgradation in curricula to meet the present day demand of higher agricultural education in the country. The recommendations have been circulated to all Agricultural Universities for implementation. A copy of the said report has also been posted on the website of the ICAR for reference.

Besides, the Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) of the country provide non-formal education to the farmers by imparting training and skill development. The contents of such courses are dynamic and need based as per different agro-climatic situations. In addition to this, the Agriculture Skill Council of India (under Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India) has developed some National Skill Qualification Framework aligned courses (Qualification Packs) in which skill training is imparted by KVKs to Rural Youth.

(c) to (e): No, Madam.