

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1557**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12/02/2019

**AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES**

1557. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:  
SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:  
DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:  
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:  
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:  
SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:

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

- (a) whether the number of agricultural colleges in the country is much lesser as compared to number of engineering/medical colleges, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) the number of agricultural colleges at present in each State/UT and the number of such colleges proposed to be opened in the next one year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Union Government has received several proposals from various States including Maharashtra for setting up of Agricultural Universities/Colleges, if so, the details thereof including the number of proposals received during the last two years and the current year, State/UT-wise along with the action taken thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up an All India Body on the lines of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)/Medical Council of India (MCI) for agricultural colleges to monitor and better regulate their functioning, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure that agricultural colleges are given equal importance?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री  
**(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

**(a) & (b):** Agriculture including Agricultural Education is state subject, therefore maintaining comparative records of agricultural/medical/engineering colleges are in purview of concerned States. Being the apex body in the field of agricultural research, the Indian

Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) aid, support and strengthen agricultural education in the country.

(c) No, Madam.

(d) Yes, Madam. A Draft Bill on National Council for Higher Agricultural Education (NCHAE) to regulate Higher Agricultural Education in India is under consideration with the Department.

(e) The National Agricultural Education Accreditation Board has been established to ensure quality of education in Agricultural colleges/universities by Accreditation process. Every state agricultural university is being given equal opportunity to apply, successfully compete and get financial support for strengthening agricultural education through the National Agricultural Higher Education Project.

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