

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1614**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02/07/2019

**OPENING OF NEW FARM RESEARCH INSTITUTES**

1614. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to open new farm institutions like Central Agricultural University, Krishi Vigyan Kendra and ICAR institutes of dairy farming, soil and water testing, integrated pest management and horticulture in different parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the Government has prepared action plans to be taken for mitigating the impact of poor South West monsoon on farmers and if so, the details thereof?

**A N S W E R**

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री **(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)**

**(a) & (b):** Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) under Department of Agricultural Research & Education, Government of India has established 103 agriculture research institutes in the country for dealing with Research and development requirements of agriculture including crop, horticulture, livestock, dairy, fisheries, soil and water, machinery, environmental issues, integrated pest management, organic farming, research management, etc. Besides, the country also has a total of 63 state agricultural universities, 3 central agricultural universities and 4 central universities having agriculture faculty to address agricultural education in the country. In addition, ICAR has also developed a network of 713 KVKs at district level for front line technology demonstration and capacity building of farmers. During the period 2017-2020 a decision has been taken to establish 76 Krishi Vigyan Kendras in the country.

As far as establishment of new farm institutions like Central Agricultural University and Research Institutions under DARE/ICAR is concerned, there is no proposal at present to set up new Institutions. To comprehensively address agriculture research and development related issues in the country, DARE/ICAR has recently established two new Indian Agricultural Research Institutes (IARIs) one in Jharkhand and another in Assam besides, a new Agriculture/ Horticulture University each in Andhra Pradesh, Telengana and Haryana. Central Agricultural Universities located at Imphal and Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi have also been strengthened and Rajendra Agriculture University in Bihar has been upgraded to Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agriculture University.

(c) DARE/ICAR has developed 648 district agricultural contingency plans for preparedness and real time implementation in the events of weather aberrations and climatic extremes including droughts resulting from poor monsoon.

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