

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2136**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2022

**AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION COUNCIL**

2136. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to set up Agricultural Education Council of India or similar body specifically dedicated to oversee, regulate and facilitate agricultural education, as a separate function, in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (c):** There is no proposal to set up Agricultural Education Council of India. As per New Education Policy (NEP) - 2020, the policy envisages a General Education Council (GEC) and sectoral Committees such as Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) for Agricultural Education as Professional Standard Setting Bodies (PSSBs) and PSSBs as members in the GEC to lay down academic standards and coordinate between teaching, research and extension of their domain/discipline as members. ICAR continues to oversee, regulate and facilitate agricultural education and research in the country.

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