

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 165**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1<sup>st</sup> AUGUST, 2023

**ESTABLISHMENT OF HORTICULTURE UNIVERSITY IN TELANGANA**

**\*165. SHRI B.B. PATIL:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State of Telangana for the establishment of a Horticulture University in Telangana and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether portion of sanctioned funds are still to be released by the Union Government to Telangana for the above-mentioned project;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which the said funds are likely to be released?

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION  
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**(a):** Yes, Sir.

i. During the Budget 2014 presented in the Lok Sabha on 10.07.2014, Hon'ble Finance Minister proposed to establish a Horticultural University in the State of Telangana and an initial sum of Rs. 50 crores was allocated for the purpose.

ii. Establishment of State Agricultural University is a matter of the respective State. However, keeping in view, the Budget Announcement, Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) through Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) provided assistance of Rs.50 Crore to establish the Horticultural University in the State of Telangana.

iii. Further, considering requests of Government of Telangana to strengthen the academic infrastructure and student amenities, the Department, considering necessity of proposal and availability of funds, provided additional assistance of Rs.85.00 Crores to the University during 2015-2017. This additional assistance was provided out of the regular grants being given to Agricultural Universities through ICAR. It is also to mention that from 2016-2017 to 2022-2023, the Department released additional assistance of Rs.15.63 Crores. Thus, a total of Rs.150.63 Crore has been provided to the University for its establishment.

iv. The University has been fully established with Headquarter, Colleges, Instructional facilities etc. and is now functioning as per the mandate of State Government. Based on fulfilment of the criteria for quality education, University has been accredited by the ICAR. Therefore, Government of India has fulfilled the promise made for establishment of Horticulture University in the State of Telangana after bifurcation of erstwhile State of Andhra Pradesh.

**(b) to (d):** No sanctioned budget is pending for the project “Establishment of Horticultural University in the State of Telangana”.

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