

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 555
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06TH FEBRUARY, 2024

AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES

555. SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total number of colleges in the country that offer Agriculture courses and the number of public/the Government colleges among them, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has looked into the increasing demand for agriculture studies, especially in the areas of mechanisation and modernisation, including the invention of high-yield hybrid seeds, etc.;

(c) if so, the steps the Government has taken to increase the Government-owned agricultural universities;

(d) whether the Government plans to set up a Central Agricultural University that was to be established in Andhra Pradesh as per Schedule XIII of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

(SHRI ARJUN MUNDA)

(a): There are 583 Colleges/Faculty/University that offer courses related to Agriculture & Allied subjects in the country as per following details:

1. Public/Government Agricultural Colleges/Universities : 404
2. UGC-Private Universities offering courses related to agriculture & allied subjects: 165
3. UGC Deemed-to-be Universities (Private) offering courses related to agriculture & allied subjects: 14

State-wise list of No. of Public/ Government Colleges is attached in **annexure-I**

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. To encourage the agricultural studies in the area of mechanization and modernization, Government has taken the following initiative:

- The outreach centre of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)-Indian Agriculture Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi has been opened at ICAR-Central Institute of

Agricultural Engineering (CIAE), Bhopal for Masters and Ph.D. programme in Agricultural Engineering. The Ph.D. programme at ICAR-CIAE started in 2014 and Masters programme in 2023.

- ICAR-IARI, New Delhi which was earlier conducting Post graduate studies in different disciplines of Agriculture has also started under graduate program recently (since year 2022-23) in the discipline of
 - i) B. Tech. Agricultural Engineering;
 - ii) B. Tech. Bio Technology;
 - iii) B. Sc. Agriculture;
 - iv) B.Sc. Community Science.

So far, 77 Agricultural Universities (AUs) have been established to address the educational and research needs of agriculture & allied subjects including invention of high-yield hybrid seeds. Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) provides support for capacity building and strengthening of infrastructures in the Agricultural Universities (AUs).

(d) & (e): At present, there is no such proposal.

To cater the need of agricultural education & research, one well established State Agricultural University, namely Acharya N G Ranga Agricultural University is already there in the state.

List of Public/Government Owned Agricultural Universities and their Constituent Colleges

S.No.	State/UT	No. of Colleges/Faculty
1.	Andhra Pradesh	19
2.	Assam	9
3.	Bihar	18
4.	Chattisgarh	28
5.	Gujarat	32
6.	Jharkhand	4
7.	Haryana	9
8.	Himachal Pradesh	7
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	6
10.	Karnataka	32
11.	Kerala	12
12.	Madhya Pradesh	16
13.	Maharashtra	43
14.	North Eastern States (excluding Assam & Manipur)	13
15.	Odisha	9
16.	Punjab	7
17.	Rajasthan	45
18.	Tamil Nadu	22
19.	Telangana	11
20.	Uttarakhand	11
21.	Uttar Pradesh	40
22.	West Bengal	10
23.	Delhi	1
Total		404
