

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1387
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11/02/2020

CENTRAL AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY IN ANDHRA PRADESH

1387. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

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

- (a) whether the attention of the Government is drawn to establishment of a Central Agricultural University in Andhra Pradesh as per the promise made in the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh sent any proposal for establishment of a Central Agricultural University in Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the reasons for the delay in establishment of the said University; and
- (e) the stand of the Government in this regard?

A N S W E R

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

(a) & (b): As per the Andhra Pradesh State Reorganization Act 2014 (Sec.93) published on 1 March 2014, Government of India shall establish one Agricultural University as an institute of national importance in the Successor State of Andhra Pradesh. Subsequently, in the Budget, 2014-15 presented in the Lok Sabha on 10th July 2014, it was proposed to establish Agriculture University in the State of Andhra Pradesh and an initial sum of 50 crores was allocated for the purpose.

Accordingly the Department of Agricultural Research & Education (DARE) sought the Action Plan from Government of Andhra Pradesh on 9th September, 2014.

(c) to (e): Government of Andhra Pradesh provided DPR on 15.09.2014 with a budgetary requirement of Rs.1505.82 crores for establishment of Agricultural University of National Importance. The Ministry conveyed on 03.12.2014 to the Government of Andhra Pradesh to take appropriate action for establishing State Agricultural University for which financial assistance will be provided by the Government of India.

Accordingly, DARE has released a total of Rs.135.00 crores to the State for setting up of new State Agricultural University i.e. Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University at Lam, Guntur in the Residuary State of Andhra Pradesh.
