

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1875**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03/03/2020

**ACTION PLAN FOR AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION**

1875. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:  
SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:  
SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:  
SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:  
SHRIMATI RATHVA GITABEN VAJESINGBHAI:

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

- (a) whether the three year action plan under agricultural education (2017-2020) has been successful in achieving its target;
- (b) the areas in which farmers are being educated;
- (c) the details of the number of farmers being benefited across the country; and
- (d) the extent to which it has been beneficial for farmers?

**A N S W E R**

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

(a) Yes, Sir. The targets set for (2017-2020) have been achieved. A list of approved targets is attached (**Annexure**).

**(b) to (d):** The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has established a network of 717 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) at the district level in the country mandated with Technology Assessment and Demonstration for its Application and Capacity Development. KVKs organize demonstrations, training programs and skill development programs for the benefit of farmers and farm women, rural youth and in-service extension personnel.

During 2018-19, 42,361 on-farm trials (OFTs) for assessing technologies and 2,74,736 frontline demonstrations (FLD) showcasing potentials on improved varieties, modern technologies and practices were conducted on farmers' field to create awareness

among farmers. To update the knowledge and skills on modern agricultural technologies, 47,000 training courses on various technologies were organized benefitting as many as 13.51 lakh farmers and farm women. 139.67 lakh farmers participated in various extension activities. In addition, 1.77 lakh quintal seeds of crop varieties, 365.53 lakh planting materials of fruits, vegetables, agroforestry etc. and 154.91 lakh livestock strains and fingerlings were produced and distributed among farmers. Further, 8.33 lakh soil, water, plant, manures samples were tested, and 612.95 lakh Mobile agro- advisory were provided to farmers.

100 farmers training centres were established under the “Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Unnat Krishi Shiksha Yojna” which was launched under “Unnat Bharat Abhiyan” in the year 2016-17 to build skilled human support at village level relevant to national needs to provide rural India with professional support in the field of Organic Farming/National Farming/Rural Economy/Sustainable Agriculture and to extend other activities of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan at village level. 5268 farmers were trained under the scheme. Information/knowledge disseminated through the above schemes has benefited the farmers immensely.

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**Measurable and Monitorable targets under the Three Year Action Plan (2017-2020)  
“Strengthening and Development of Higher Agricultural Education in India”:**

<b>Sr. No</b>	<b>Specific targets item</b>	<b>Base line (XII Plan)</b>	<b>Target for three years (2017-2020)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Strengthening and Development of AUs</b>		
1.1	Niche Areas of Excellence developed/strengthened	32	28
1.2	Hostels	26	47
1.3	Auditorium	3	3
1.4	Educational Museum	-	5
1.5	Examination Halls		20
1.6	Experiential Learning Modules	85	75
1.7	Support for Old/Historical Colleges	-	5
<b>2</b>	<b>Education Quality and Reforms</b>		
2.1	Accreditation of Universities	59	15
2.2	Evaluation /Impact Analysis of Scheme	01	01
<b>3</b>	<b>Human Resource Development</b>		
3.1	ICAR International Fellowship	90	90
3.2	Centres of Advanced Faculty Training (CAFTs)	40	40
3.3	NTS for UG /PG	12500	19860
3.4	Student READY	60000	81250
3.5	Summer Winter School and Short Courses	362	362
3.6	Emeritus Scientist	100	300
3.7	National Fellow/National Professor	100	100
3.8	Emeritus Professor	-	100
3.9	ICAR PG Scholarship (erstwhile JRF)	475	475
3.10	Junior/Senior Research Scholarship (JRF/SRF-PGS) erstwhile SRF-PGS	202	202
3.11	Post Matric Scholarships	240	240
3.12	Merit cum Means scholarships	800	800
3.13	Post Doctoral Fellowships (new initiative)	-	25

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