

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1548
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7TH DECEMBER, 2021

UPGRADATION OF AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES

1548. SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the Maharashtra Government for upgradation of State Agricultural Universities to Central Agricultural University in the last three years and current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government on the said proposals and the total amount sanctioned by the Government for the said purpose; and
- (c) the other steps taken by the Government to develop the infrastructure and teaching in Agricultural Universities to meet the current demand?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (b): So far, no such proposal has been received from the Maharashtra Government.

(c) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), an Autonomous body under Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), provides need based financial assistance to Agricultural Universities (AUs) in states/ Union Territories, under Plan Schemes- **“Strengthening and Development of Higher Agricultural Education in India” & “National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP)”**, to upgrade, strengthen, modernize and enhance the amenities and infrastructure pertaining to teaching, learning & research and for quality assurance of higher agricultural education.

The details of Financial Assistance provided to the Agricultural Universities in the state of Maharashtra is at **Annexure**.

ANNEXURE
[Part (c) of Lok Sabha USQ No. 1548 dated 7TH DECEMBER, 2021]

Financial Assistance provided to Agricultural Universities located in Maharashtra during 2018-19 to 2021-22(till date):

(Rs. in crore)

Name of the Scheme	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22 (till date)	Grand Total
Strengthening and Development of Higher Agricultural Education in India (SDHAEI)	28.02	44.63	23.79	7.17	103.61
National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP)	20.33	19.72	19.26	12.52	71.83