

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1195**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER, 2024

**UPGRADATION OF AGRICULTURE COLLEGES**

1195. DR. RICKY ANDREW J SYNGKON:

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

- (a) whether there are any proposals to upgrade existing Colleges of Agriculture across the country to full-fledged universities;
- (b) if so, the details of the colleges identified for this purpose and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the criteria used to evaluate whether a College of Agriculture qualifies for an upgrade to a university;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to upgrade the College of Agriculture in the State of Meghalaya to a university, considering that 81 per cent of the State's population is engaged in the primary sector and the State ranks low in food security; and
- (e) whether the Government is considering the potential benefits of enhancing scientific research and interventions to support agricultural development in the State of Meghalaya and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
कृषि और किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY)

(a) to (c): There are 03 Central Agricultural Universities, 04 Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)'s Deemed to be Universities, and 04 Central Universities with Agriculture faculty in which there is no proposal to upgrade existing Colleges of Agriculture to full-fledged Universities.

Since agriculture including agricultural education is a state subject, the State Government can upgrade or open new Agricultural University as per the requirement of the state for the purpose of agricultural education, research and extension.

(d) There is no proposal to upgrade the College of Agriculture in the state of Meghalaya to a University.

(e) For scientific research and to support agricultural development in the State of Meghalaya, the Government has established ICAR Research Complex for North Eastern Hill (NEH) Region, Umiam; 07 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) and 03 Colleges namely (i) College of Post Graduate Studies in Agricultural Sciences, Barapani (ii) College of Community Science, Tura (iii) College of Agriculture, Kyrdemkulai.

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