

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2583
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH AUGUST, 2025

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OFFERING AGRICULTURAL COURSES

2583. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

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

- (a) whether the number and State-wise distribution of colleges/universities offering agriculture courses in the country are uneven, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether out of about 950+ agriculture colleges, only 70 to 74 agriculture universities are ICAR-approved, resulting in limiting access to quality agriculture education in rural areas;
- (c) the reasons for not taking proper steps to increase the number of public-funded agricultural universities and expand their research infrastructure, despite the growing demand for new agricultural technology, mechanization and research on high-yield seeds due to which extensive education/research is not being maintained; and
- (d) the details of the budget sanctioned and spent by the Government for agricultural education, research and investigation during the last three years and the current financial year?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Agricultural education being the State subject, State Governments establish Agricultural Universities and Colleges based on the sectoral requirement in agriculture and allied disciplines. Further, establishment of Agricultural Universities is a continuous process to meet out the ever-increasing agricultural education requirement of the country. Even several private institutions also impart agricultural education in different states. The list of public funded State wise Agricultural Universities, and associated colleges is **annexed**.

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) based on the performance of the University/colleges/programmes grants accreditation in agriculture and allied disciplines for ensuring quality assurance in higher education.

ICAR also develops and updates curricula for Under-Graduate, Post-Graduate and Ph.D. programmes. It provides financial support for improving academic infrastructure, faculty training, and scholarships/fellowships for eligible students as per criteria.

(d): Budget allocation and expenditure with respect to Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) is given below:

(Rs. In crore)		
Year	Budget Allocation	Actual Expenditure
2022-23	8658.89	8578.17
2023-24	9876.60	9804.39
2024-25	10156.35	10091.23
2025-26	10466.39	2087.38

[Part (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha USQ No. 2583 dated 5TH AUGUST, 2025]

State wise Agricultural Universities and their associated Colleges			
S.No.	State	Number of Universities	Constituent Colleges
1	Andhra Pradesh	4	31
2	Assam	1	9
3	Bihar	3	22
4	Chattishgharh	3	51
5	Delhi	1	1
6	Gujarat	6	37
7	Haryana	4	11
8	Himachal Pradesh	2	8
9	Jammu & Kashmir	2	14
10	Jharkhand	1	12
11	Karnataka	6	36
12	Kerala	3	17
13	Madhya Pradesh	3	20
14	Maharashtra	6	57
15	Manipur	1	13
16	Nagaland	1	1
17	Odisha	1	9
18	Punjab	2	9
19	Rajasthan	6	72
20	Tamil Nadu	3	31
21	Telangana	3	19
22	Uttar Pradesh	9	35
23	Uttarakhand	2	12
24	West Bengal	4	13
Total		77	540
