

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1668
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH FEBRUARY, 2026

AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES

1668. SHRI ANUP SANJAY DHOTRE:

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

- (a) the number of Agricultural Universities functioning in the country along with the norms/criteria laid down for opening of new Agricultural University in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has allocated any funds for the improvement/upgradation of Agricultural Universities in the country, State-wise particularly in Akola, Maharashtra;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with funds sanctioned by the Government during the last three years and the current year, State-wise particularly in Akola, Maharashtra; and
- (d) whether it is also a fact that the teaching in agriculture and animal husbandry sectors in agricultural universities severely affected due to a shortage of staff and if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a): There are 80 agricultural universities in the country, which includes 69 State Agricultural Universities (SAUs), 03 Central Agricultural Universities (CAUs) and 04 Deemed Universities (DUs), 04 Central Universities with Agricultural Faculty. **Annexure-I**

The agriculture including agricultural education is a state subject, therefore, state governments establish agricultural universities as per their requirement.

Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has developed 'ICAR Model Act (Revised 2023)' for Higher Agricultural Educational Institutions in India and 'Minimum Requirements for Establishing the Agricultural Colleges'.

(b): Under the plan scheme of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) “Strengthening and Development of Higher Agricultural Education in India” the financial assistance is provided to accredited Agricultural Universities in the Country for strengthening and upgradation. The funding support to accredited universities during the 5 years of the current Plan Period is Rs. 1869.61 crore.

ICAR provides need based financial assistance in critical areas to the agricultural universities under Plan Scheme to upgrade, strengthen, modernize and enhance the amenities and infrastructure pertaining to teaching, learning, supports student research, provision for scholarships and for quality assurance of higher agricultural education.

(c): The details of the funding support under the scheme during last three years and current year, state wise is annexed. **Annexure-II.**

Under the scheme funding support is provided to Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth (PDKV), Akola in Maharashtra during last three years and current year is Rs. 9.59 Crore and year-wise details are annexed. **Annexure-III.**

(d): As per information collected from agricultural universities, overall about 47% of total positions of faculty/teaching are vacant in the agricultural universities. Agriculture Education being state subject, creation and filling up of the posts in State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) is the responsibility of State Governments.

ANNEXURE-I**[Part (a) of Lok Sabha USQ No. 1668 dated 10TH FEBRUARY, 2026]****Sate-wise list of Agricultural Universities functioning in the country:**

S.No.	State	Name of the University
1.	Andhra Paresh	Acharya NG Ranga Agricultural University, Guntur
2.		Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, Tirupati
3.		Dr. YSR Horticulture University, Venkataramannagudem
4.		Andhra Pradesh Fisheries University, Narasapur, West Godavari
5.	Assam	Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat
6.		Assam Veterinary and Fishery University (AVFU), Khanapara, Guwahati
7.	Bihar	Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour, Bhagalpur
8.		Dr. R.P. Central Agricultural University, Pusa, Samstipur, Bihar
9.		Bihar Animal Sciences University, Patna
10.	Chhattisgarh	Indira Gandhi Krishi Viswa Vidhyalaya, Raipur
11.		Chhattisgarh Kamdhenu Visvavidyalaya, Durg
12.		Mahatma Gandhi University of Horticulture & Forestry, Durg
13.	Delhi	Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi
14.	Gujarat	Anand Agricultural University, Anand
15.		Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh
16.		Sardar Krushinagar Dantiwada Agricultural University, Dantiwada
17.		Gujrat Natural Farming Sciences University, Sultanpura
18.		Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari
19.		Kamdhenu University, Amreli
20.	Haryana	Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar
21.		Lala Lajpat Rai University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Hisar
22.		National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal
23.		Haryana State University of Horticultural Sciences, Karnal
24.	Himachal Pradesh	Ch. Sarwan Kumar Himachal Pradesh Krishi Viswavidyalaya, Palampur
25.		Dr. Yaswant Singh Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry, Solan
26.	Jammu & Kashmir	Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Science & Technology, Jammu
27.		Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Science & Technology, Srinagar

S.No.	State	Name of the University
28.	Jharkhand	Birsa Agricultural University, Ranchi
29.	Karnataka	University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore
30.		University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur
31.		University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad
32.		Keladi Shivappa Nayaka University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shimoga
33.		Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries Sciences, Bidar
34.		University of Horticulture Sciences, Bagalkot
35.		University of Agricultural Sciences, Mandya
36.	Kerala	Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur
37.		Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Pookode, Wayanand, Kerala
38.		Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies, Panangad, Kochi
39.	Madhya Pradesh	Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Viswa Vidyalaya, Jabalpur
40.		Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Gwalior
41.		Nanaji Deshmukh Pashu Chikitsa VisvaVidyalaya, Jabalpur
42.	Maharashtra	Vasantao Naik Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth, Parbhani
43.		Matatam Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri
44.		Dr. Punjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Viswa Vidyalaya, Akola
45.		Dr. Balaesahib Sawant Kokan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli
46.		Maharashtra Animal & Fisheries. Sciences University, Nagpur
47.		Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Mumbai
48.	Manipur	Central Agricultural University, Imphal
49.	Nagaland	Nagaland University, Medziphema
50.	Orissa	Orissa University of Agricultural & Technology, Bhubaneswar
51.	Punjab	Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana
52.		Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Ludhiana
53.	Rajasthan	Agriculture University, Kota
54.		Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture & Technology, Udaipur
55.		Swami Keshwanand Rajasthan Agricultural University, Bikaner
56.		SKN Agriculture University, Jobner
57.		Agriculture University, Jodhpur
58.		Rajasthan University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Bikaner
59.		Rajasthan University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Jaipur
60.	Tamil Nadu	Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore
61.		Tamil Nadu Veterinary & Animal Sciences University, Chennai
62.		Tamil Nadu Dr J Jayalalithaa Fisheries University, Nagapattinam
63.	Telangana	Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University, Hyderabad

S.No.	State	Name of the University
64.		Sri PV Narsimha Rao Telangana Veterinary University, Hyderabad
65.		Sri Konda Laxman Telangana State Horticultural, University, Hyderabad
66.	Uttar Pradesh	Chandra Shekhar Azad University of Agricultural & Technology, Kanpur
67.		Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel University of Agriculture & Technology, Meerut
68.		Rani Laxami Bai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi
69.		Acharya Narendra Deva University of Agriculture and Technology, Kumarganj, Ayodhya
70.		Banda University of Agricultural and Technology, Banda
71.		Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh
72.		Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi
73.		Uttar Pradesh Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Pashu Chikitsa Vigyan Vishwavidyalaya, Mathura
74.		Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Bareilly
75.	Uttarakhand	G.B. Pant University of Agriculture & Technology, Pantnagar
76.		VCSG Uttarakhand University of Horticulture & Forestry, Bharsar
77.	West Bengal	Uttar Banga Krishi Viswavidhyalaya, Cooch Behar
78.		Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswa Vidhyalaya, Mohanpur
79.		Vishva Bharti, Santiniketan
80.		West Bengal University of Animal & Fishery Sciences, Kolkata

[Part (c) of Lok Sabha USQ No. 1668 dated 10TH FEBRUARY, 2026]

Details of funding support to the Agricultural Universities under the scheme State-wise grant for the last 3 years of the Plan, and current year (2022-23 to 2025-26 till date)

Amount (Rs. in crore)

S. No.	State Agricultural Universities	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26 (till date)	Total
1.	Andhra Pradesh	5.78	9.02	15.48	1.83	32.11
2.	Assam	11.64	6.76	13.35	3.23	34.98
3.	Bihar	5.65	6.08	15.29	0.74	27.76
4.	Chhattisgarh	8.46	9.10	9.18	1.37	28.11
5.	Delhi	23.83	29.67	72.38	99.50	225.38
6.	Gujarat	10.97	11.15	24.33	2.65	49.1
7.	Haryana	8.27	10.77	29.53	0.61	49.18
8.	Himachal Pradesh	4.70	9.45	11.49	0.88	26.52
9.	Jharkhand	0.55	0.29	0.51	0.08	1.43
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	8.12	4.72	19.30	3.49	35.63
11.	Karnataka	19.42	26.77	35.21	12.01	93.41
12.	Kerala	6.41	6.34	10.85	1.50	25.1
13.	Madhya Pradesh	7.44	9.69	17.03	0.94	35.1
14.	Maharashtra	22.44	16.59	39.23	4.93	83.19
15.	Manipur	14.42	16.75	13.14	6.20	50.51
16.	Nagaland	0.13	0.32	4.70	0.10	5.25
17.	Orissa	3.68	2.78	5.40	0.06	11.92
18.	Punjab	7.10	4.78	11.93	1.01	24.82
19.	Rajasthan	9.77	10.53	19.36	0.71	40.37
20.	Telangana	5.94	11.81	12.56	0.65	30.96
21.	Tamil Nadu	4.98	10.43	19.88	4.95	40.24
22.	Uttarakhand	3.35	6.15	27.06	0.66	37.22
23.	Uttar Pradesh	15.26	14.46	52.30	2.01	84.03
24.	West Bengal	4.10	5.22	9.66	1.17	20.15

[Part (c) of Lok Sabha USQ No. 1668 dated 10TH FEBRUARY, 2026]

Financial assistance for Dr. PDKV. Akola, Maharashtra, for the last 3 years and current year of the Plan scheme

Name of the Universities	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26 till date	Total Rs. in crore
PDKV, Akola	3.38	2.92	2.11	1.18	9.59
