

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1754
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH FEBRUARY, 2026

PROMOTION OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

1754. SHRI MANOJ KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government is implementing any policy/schemes/programme to provide stipend to the students for the promotion of agricultural education in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of funds released and number of beneficiaries students, Central, State Agricultural Universities and Institutions, during the last five years;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that students of B.Tech Food Technology Programme at RPCAU, Pusa, Bihar are not getting any stipend from the Union and State Governments due to this, students specially from poor and weaker section are suffering a lot; and
- (d) if so, whether the Union Government and RPCAU Pusa authority is intend to provide stipend to the B.Tech Food Technology students along with their arrears from the first semester, if so, the details thereof and the time by which students will get stipends and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a): Yes. To attract students in higher agricultural education and to achieve educational excellence in teaching and research in areas of agriculture and allied science subjects, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) provides number of scholarships /fellowships as under:

- 1.ICAR–National Talent Scholarship (NTS-UG)
- 2.ICAR–National Talent Scholarship (NTS-PG)
- 3.ICAR–Postgraduate Scholarship (ICAR-PGS)
- 4.ICAR–Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) / Senior Research Fellowship (SRF)
5. Merit cum Means (MCM) Scholarship

(b): Following is the details of fellowships / scholarships provided by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) to students in Central /State Agricultural universities and Institutions of the country during last five years.

S.No.	Name of Scheme	2021-22		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25		2025-26	
		Total Beneficiary	Total amount disbursed (Rs. in lakh)	Total Beneficiary	Total amount disbursed (Rs. in lakh)	Total Beneficiary	Total Amount disbursed (Rs. in lakh)	Total Beneficiary	Total Amount disbursed (Rs. in lakh)	Total Beneficiary	Total Amount disbursed (Rs. in lakh)
1.	NTS-UG	6539	1746.87	6734	1892.83	10034	2468.01	8549	2665.35	9162	3413.94
2.	NTS-PG	3683	1237.47	3543	1337.41	3428	1231.64	5369	2105.91	3877	2028.70
3.	ICAR-PGS	1733	1485.91	1690	1656.21	1613	1579.48	1557	1717.59	1179	1638.74
4.	ICAR-JRF/SRF	1123	2673.20	1131	2641.96	1157	3100.63	1039	2978.89	1159	3025.63
5.	MCM	287	29.79	333	37.88	439	37.96	471	42.75	450	58.36

(c): The students enrolled in the B. Tech Food Technology programme at Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University (RPCAU), Pusa, Bihar are receiving financial assistance under National Talent Scholarship (NTS) from ICAR and Student Ready Programme subject to eligibility and fulfilment of prescribed conditions.

Further, students belonging to SC/ST/OBC of Bihar domicile are being provided Post Matric Scholarship.

(d): The question does not arise.
