

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2952
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH MARCH, 2026

RELEASE OF FUNDS TO PJTSAU

2952. DR. MALLU RAVI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of media reports, ICAR reviews and audit observations indicating inadequate and delayed release of Central grants-in-aid and scheme funds to Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University (PJTSAU) during recent years;
- (b) the details of Central assistance, including ICAR support, RKVY allocations and other Centrally Sponsored Scheme funds released to PJTSAU during the last five years, vis-à-vis approvals, year-wise;
- (c) whether such delays or shortfalls have adversely impacted agricultural research stations, Krishi Vigyan Kendras and extension services catering to backward and drought-prone areas, including Nagarkurnool Parliamentary Constituency; and
- (d) the steps proposed to ensure timely, predictable and adequate Central funding to State Agricultural Universities so that farmer-oriented research and extension activities are not disrupted?

ANSWER

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

(a): The funds under different schemes/programmes of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (AICRPs, KVKs, Education) are released as per allocation and in accordance to submission of AUCs. As such the issue of delayed release is not in the knowledge of the Department/Ministry with respect to Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University (PJTSAU). Delay if any, happened in release of the fund is due to the late receipt of AUC and related documents, which are pre-requisite for release of grant to State Agricultural Universities.

(b): Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) provides need based financial support to State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) under Agricultural Education EFC Scheme “Strengthening and Development of Higher Agricultural Education in India” for strengthening & development of infrastructure, training and capacity building programme as per norms on receipt of requisite documents. The Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVKs) under the administrative control of PJTSAU, Hyderabad, are also provided funds for dissemination of modern technologies through ICAR-Agricultural Extension Division. The financial support is also provided to the PJTSAU, Hyderabad under All India Coordinated Research Projects (AICRPs).

During last five years, the financial support provided by the ICAR to PJTSAU, Hyderabad, and by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW), Government of India under PM-RKVY to the Government of Telangana are given here under:

Year	Amount (Rs. in crore)		
	ICAR (Education, Extension & AICRPs)	Central Scheme “RKVY” (DA&FW)	
		Allocation	Released
2019-20	--	261.17	130.59
2020-21	29.3420	177.04	0.00
2021-22	33.5986	207.64	0.00
2022-23	34.2706	185.99	0.00
2023-24	42.8315	170.34	0.00
2024-25	36.0768	158.34	79.17
Total	176.1197	1160.52	209.76

Hence, a total of Rs.176.1197 crore have been released by ICAR to PJTSAU during the year 2020-21 to 2024-25.

Under PM-RKVY, the DA&FW had allocated Rs. 1160.52 crores, and released Rs. 209.76 crores during the aforesaid period which remained unspent.

(c) & (d): The grant released by ICAR under “Strengthening and Development of Higher Agricultural Education in India” to Agricultural Universities (AUs) is to upgrade, strengthen, modernize and enhance the amenities and infrastructure. The Agricultural Extension Division is providing funds for dissemination of modern technologies through KVKs. As such there was no delay in fund release under different schemes/programmes of ICAR to PJTSAU.
