

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 363
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH AUGUST, 2025

RESPONSIBILITIES OF ICAR

*363. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:

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

- (a) whether it is true that Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has the responsibility for veterinary science, animal husbandry, dairying, fisheries, avian sciences, poultry, beekeeping (apiculture), natural resource management and other allied sectors;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has any proposal to establish an independent statutory body or dedicated agency exclusively for regulating and promoting higher education in agriculture and allied sciences so as to commit more focused approach;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED
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“RESPONSIBILITIES OF ICAR”**

(a): The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is an autonomous body under Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), responsible for research, technological advancement, Education and Extension in agriculture & allied sectors including veterinary science, animal husbandry, dairying, fishery, avian science, poultry, beekeeping and natural resource management etc. The mandate of the ICAR is to (i) Plan, Undertake, Coordinate and Promote Research and Technology Development for Sustainable Agriculture, (ii) Aid, Impart and Coordinate Agricultural Education to enable Quality Human Resource Development, (iii) Frontline Extension for technology application, adoption, knowledge management and capacity development for agri-based rural development, (iv) Policy, Cooperation and Consultancy in Agricultural Research, Education & Extension.

The ICAR has a network of 113 research institutes, which fall under 08 Subject Matter Divisions (SMDs), viz., Crop Science (28 Institutes), Horticulture Science (22 Institutes), Animal Science (19 Institutes), Natural Resource Management (16 Institutes), Agricultural Extension (12 Institutes), Fisheries Science (08 Institutes), Agricultural Engineering (06 Institutes), and Agricultural Education (02 Institutes).

(b) to (d): At present, there is no proposal to establish an independent statutory body or dedicated agency for regulating and promoting higher education in agriculture and allied sciences. National Education Policy (NEP)-2020, envisages a General Education Council (GEC) and Sectoral Committee such as Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) for Agricultural Education as Professional Standard Setting Body (PSSB). PSSBs as member in the GEC to lay down academic standards and to coordinate between teaching, research and extension of their domain/discipline.
