

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN RURAL AREAS  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether colleges catering specially to mechanical technology used in agriculture are likely to be opened in rural parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Union Government to impart technical education in rural parts of India?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) & (b): As per information furnished by the Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR), opening of Agricultural Engineering College is a State subject. However, there are already 22 Agricultural Engineering Colleges providing education on use of mechanical technology in agriculture in the country.

(c): Under the Scheme of Community Polytechnics, non-formal skill training is imparted by the approved Diploma level institutions through their extension centres located also in rural areas.