

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NEW POLICY FOR AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to introduce new policy to redefine existing agricultural education and research;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to diversify agriculture for integrated production and marketing of high value commodities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has received proposals from State Governments in this regard;
- (f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (g) the benefits likely to accrue therefrom?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): The proposal to redefine agricultural education includes emphasis on skill and entrepreneurship developed oriented course curricula, engendering course curricula, hands-on-training, faculty competence by training and re-training, modernization of infrastructure, class rooms, laboratories, etc. so that the students are self confident to take up self-employment. The efforts are on to address the research needs of the entire value chain from production to consumption so that all stakeholders are duly benefited.

(c) & (d): Crop diversification is one of the priority areas. The diversification of cropping system with high value and low input requiring crops like oilseeds, pulses, fruits, bio-fuels, medicinal and aromatic plants etc. are the main components of the programme. Apart from the crops and cropping system, farming system approach is considered important which includes dairy, fishery, poultry, horticulture etc..

(e) No, Sir.

(f) & (g): Does not arise.