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AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has recently reviewed the status of agricultural education in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of areas in which the country is lagging behind in the field of agricultural education along with the proposals received in this regard;
- (d) the funds allocated/assistance provided under the schemes for agricultural education;
- (e) whether the Government has formulated any comprehensive scheme on the basis of the said proposals; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof including the funds earmarked in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) to (c): The Planning Commission's Working Group on Agricultural Research and Education for XII Plan had constituted a sub-group on Agricultural Education. The areas which require attention include: Adequate State funding, University governance, faculty strength and inbreeding, faculty and students development programmes, demand driven curriculum and its delivery, quality assurance and modern infrastructure for education.

(d) During the XI Plan, Rs.2033.37 crores was provided to different agricultural universities under the Plan scheme, 'Strengthening and Development of Higher Agricultural Education in India'.

(e) & (f): Agriculture including higher agricultural education is a State subject. To the extent that funds are available, Central Government assists the State Agricultural Universities in certain select areas for strengthening and developing higher agricultural education in India.