

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 54
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD FEBRUARY, 2026

SETTING-UP OF AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

*54. SMT. ANITA NAGARSINGH CHOUHAN:

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

- (a) whether Alirajpur district in Madhya Pradesh — a predominantly tribal-populated area under the Ratlam-Jhabua-Alirajpur Lok Sabha Constituency which relies heavily upon rain-fed agriculture—currently lacks any functional Agricultural College thereby compelling the local students, particularly tribal youth, to migrate to other districts for pursuing agriculture education;
- (b) whether any survey has been conducted/proposal drafted by the Government to ascertain the necessity of education, research and skill development in the field of agriculture in Alirajpur district and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up an Agricultural College in the said district to promote agriculture education and to connect local farmers with modern agricultural techniques in this region; and
- (d) if so, the proposed timeline thereof and 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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(a) to (d): The Alirajpur is a tribal population dominated district of Madhya Pradesh. Presently there is no agricultural college. However, there are three agriculture universities namely: (i) Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Jabalpur (11 constituent colleges), (ii) Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Gwalior (5 constituent colleges), (iii) Nanaji Deshmukh Veterinary Science University, Jabalpur, (6 constituent colleges) are providing agricultural education, fulfilling research and extension needs of the Madhya Pradesh state including Alirajpur Lok Sabha Constituency. In addition, Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University (RLBCAU), located at Jhansi has the College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences at Datia, Madhya Pradesh.

In addition to above, there are 77 agricultural universities (agriculture, veterinary, horticulture, forestry, fisheries, organic etc.), which includes 66 State Agricultural Universities (SAUs), 03 Central Agricultural Universities (CAUs), 04 ICAR- Institutes having Deemed-to-be-University (DUs) status and 04 Central Universities with agriculture faculty which are imparting agricultural education in the country, including students from Alirajpur district of Madhya Pradesh. Of the total seats in these agricultural universities, 20% seats in under-graduate, and 30% seats in post-graduate and Ph.D., are under ICAR quota. For Scheduled tribe candidates, the reservation is as per the Government of India's guidelines.

Agriculture including agricultural education is a state subject. Therefore, no survey has been conducted by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in Alirajpur district of Madhya Pradesh on aspects related to the necessity of education, research and skill development in the field of agriculture.

Presently, there is no proposal with ICAR to set up an agriculture college in the Alirajpur district of Madhya Pradesh. State Government can open new agriculture college keeping in view the need of the region.
