

(b) The right of conferring or granting degrees shall be exercised only by a University established or incorporated by or under a Central Act, a Provincial Act or a State Act or an Institution deemed to be a University under section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 or an Institution specially empowered by an Act of Parliament to confer or grant degrees.

(c) The matter is under consideration and the modalities-would be worked out in consultation with the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) and other stakeholders.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Loss of crops due to monkeys and other wild animals

†*189. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the total area of cultivable land has been reduced in Uttarakhand due to the losses to crops caused by monkeys and other wild animals;

(b) if so, whether Government considers it necessary to formulate a scheme for alternative farming in the State;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The total cultivable land in Uttarakhand reduced from 8.08 lakh ha in 2000-01 to 7.75 lakh ha in 2009-10. Similarly, net sown area reduced from 7.7 lakh ha in 2000-01 to 7.41 lakh ha in 2009-10. The reduction in cultivable land and net sown area is attributed mainly to urbanization, industrialization, migration and animal menace (wild boar and monkeys in hills and blue bulls and elephants in plains).

The details of reduction in cultivable and net sown area from 2000-01 to 2009-10 in Uttarakhand is indicated here under:

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(Area in Lakh ha.)

Year	Cultivable land area	Net sown area
2000-01	8.08	7.70
2001-02	8.12	7.76
2002-03	8.00	7.59
2003-04	8.04	7.61
2004-05	8.08	7.67
2005-06	8.09	7.68
2006-07	8.09	7.65
2007-08	7.91	7.55
2008-09	7.89	7.54
2009-10	7.75	7.41

Source: Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation.

(b) to (d) No proposal for alternative farming has so far been received from State Government of Uttarakhand. However, Government of India in consultation with Ministry of Environment and Forest is advocating use of traditional/chemical repellents, trenches, live/solar electric fencing, social fencing and other innovative methods under various agriculture development schemes to reduce the damage to crops caused by wild animals like blue bulls, monkeys, elephants, etc. Uttarakhand is implementing various crop development programmes like National Food Security Mission, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States and Macro Management Mode of Agriculture to enhance the production and productivity of food grains, cash crops and horticulture crops. As a result of these efforts production of foodgrains increased by 10.67 %, Oilseeds by 117 % in 2011-12 over 2000-01 in the State of Uttarakhand.

Establishment of new Central Universities

†*190. SHRI RASHEED MASOOD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States where Central Universities are proposed to be established;

(b) by when these new Universities are scheduled to be made functional;

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