

this accident will be ascertained after receipt of the inquiry report of CRS/North Eastern Circle.

**Coordination among agriculture universities**

\*69. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to lack of proper coordination between various State Agriculture Universities and inspite of our agro-scientists having excellent skills, useful information and technological developments are not being shared among all Agriculture Universities resulting in farmers not getting benefits of the new research in the farming sector; and

(b) if so, the details of action taken by the Ministry, as on date, for proper coordination amongst various State Agriculture Universities?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Agricultural Universities share useful information and technologies through various mechanisms for the development of agricultural sector. These mechanisms are:

- (a) All India Coordinated Research Projects and Network projects coordinated and funded by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). Information is shared during annual workshops.
- (b) Krishi Vigyan Kendras (638 nos.) are spread all over the country. As many as 432 of these are managed by Agricultural Universities and provide services to the farmers.
- (c) Summer Schools and Winter Schools are organized by Agricultural Universities through funding support from ICAR, in which scientists from all over the country participate.
- (d) Symposium/Conference in specific areas are also organized with participation from Universities.
- (e) Annual Conference of Vice Chancellors of all Agricultural Universities are organized where their achievements, problems, new technologies etc. are shared on a common platform.
- (f) ICAR organizes Regional Committee Meetings regularly, which leads to better Coordination among SAUs in that region.
- (g) During Twelfth Plan, more emphasis has been given to governance issues for improving coordination, better resource efficiency and networking among SAUs.