

Regarding need to set up a sub-centre of an Agricultural University along with implementation of various projects under Agricultural Schemes in Ahilyanagar district, Maharashtra.-laid

SHRI NILESH DNYANDEV LANKE (AHMEDNAGAR): I wish to draw the attention of the Government regarding the farmers in my Parliamentary Constituency?specifically those residing in the talukas of Nagar, Karjat, Jamkhed, Shrigonda, Parner, Pathardi, and Shevgaon within the Ahilyanagar (Ahmednagar) district?who are primarily dependent on summer irrigation and dryland farming. Considering the prevailing climatic conditions, soil texture, and the persistent drought-like situation in this region, it is absolutely essential to establish a sub-center of an Agricultural University that can provide farmers with research support and modern technology at the local level. Such a sub-center would enable farmers to access up-to-date information, new technologies, and remedial measures right within their own locality. Methods for achieving higher yields with minimal water usage would be developed, thereby boosting farmers' incomes and improving their economic well-being. Furthermore, it would open up new avenues for the local rural youth to engage in agricultural research. Ahilyanagar is a district possessing immense potential for progress across the sectors of youth empowerment, agriculture, and education. However, the implementation of several crucial projects has been stalled due to lack of coordination and convergence between the Central and State Government schemes. I humbly request the Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare to intervene directly and expeditiously at the district level regarding this matter. I also urge the Minister to take the necessary positive decision to establish a sub-center of an Agricultural University in one of the aforementioned talukas?namely Nagar, Karjat, Jamkhed, Shrigonda, Parner, Pathardi, or Shevgaon?and to ensure its prompt establishment.
