

38th Vice- Convention on: Centre State Relationship in Agricultural Universities held during 18-20 Dec. 2013 at BAU, Ranchi

Recommendations:

1. For quality assurance in higher education more investment is required. The central and state funding should be enhanced to the tune of 50-50 percent.
2. Funding should be for development of quality assurance in faculty and student in frontier areas.
3. As per thrust in XIIth Plan Period, emphasis should be given for small holder farmers (SHF) on their social, crop production and marketing endeavors by providing easy access to agricultural education. Anticipatory research on genomics, climate change, precision farming, protected cultivation and farm mechanization etc. should be implemented.
4. There is a need for creation of department of climate change in every AUs and to give emphasis on effective management of water and temperature on crop production. It should be totally funded by Central Government initially for 10 years after which it should be taken up by State Govt.
5. Proposal on climate change should be submitted to the Central Government zone-wise at least from two SAUs in each zone.
6. Financial and administrative autonomy for development of Agricultural national/regional importance in frontier areas and any other emergency purposes. Separate budget for SAUs for agriculture education, research and extension by State Agricultural Department.
7. National and international linkages for climate change need to be enhanced for quality deliverance.
8. It was felt technology generators are not involved in transfer of technology. At the same time package of practices are difficult to follow and package of practices recommended by State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) are not followed by the State Governments.
9. The technology generation system (TGS) should observe sufficient care in recommending technologies for wider adoption. Technology should be relevant to existing farming situation and location-specific perfected technology capsules should be made.
10. A professional with animal husbandry background should be recruited in each KVK.
11. For improving extension activities of the State Department, scientist, farmer, extension personnel and policy maker should come together. Since the talented professionals are not joining KVKs as there is status difference between Assistant Professor/Jr. Scientists and SMS. So appropriate steps should be taken.
12. The numbers of Subject Matter Specialists (SMSs) in KVKs are not enough. The number of posts of SMS should be increased at least by 3 posts up to 9. Since difference between service conditions of scientists of SAUs and KVKs is the biggest block in improving extension activities of State Agricultural Universities, there should be uniformity in qualification, service condition etc. Since at present there is no empowerment mechanism for grassroot extension functionaries, the SAUs should develop modules for grassroot extension functionaries.

13. Modules for empowerment of grassroot extension functionaries should prepare and the effectiveness of other models of extension including PPP should be examined.
14. The compartmentalization of extension systems should be avoided with by a proper mechanism.
15. ICT should be effectively harnessed to provide readymade answers. A committee should be constituted to look into the matter of SMSs of the KVKs.
16. As ICAR is going to establish second KVK in each district, hence, at least one KVK should be given to SAU.
17. Implementation of Model Act of ICAR with financial and administrative autonomy on priority.
18. Investment plan for SAUs on the basis of 50-50% by the State Government and ICAR for existing establishment and expansion.
19. There should be uniformity between SAUs with CAU with respect to retirement age of Scientist/Teachers and Vice-Chancellors.
20. There should be provision of handsome Flexi Budget for SAUs by State Governments for need-based utilization by the University.
21. The responsibility of payment of retirement benefits to KVKs employees and AICRP employees lies with SAUs. Accordingly, the government should provide the fund for the same.
22. Climate change project should be started in all Agricultural Universities in a big way and be initially funded by the Union Government through ICAR. ICAR be given statutory power on line of UGC for general Universities for better quality deliverance.