

LEAD DEBATE ON A BILL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FEDERAL COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, BAMBAM GOMBE STATE (SB. 263)

Sponsor: Sen. Amos, Bulus Kilawangs (*Gombe South*).

Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, permit me to lead the debate of this very important Bill for the establishment of Federal College of Agriculture, Bambam Gombe State.

The Bill was read for the First Time in this Hallowed Chamber on Wednesday, 11th December, 2019

Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, this Bill is a bold step towards, not only addressing the educational needs of the people of Gombe South Senatorial District but it will also serve as training ground for the development of agriculturists in the country.

Agriculture with its allied sectors is unquestionably the largest livelihood provider more also in the rural areas and can contribute significantly to the GDP. Demand for agricultural product is rising rapidly with increase in population and per capita income and growing demand from industrial sector. The Federal College of Agriculture, Bambam when established will provide the holistic development of agricultural education, knowledge skills and the telescopic vision on future that will help them contribute to accelerate agricultural growth rate, enhance farmers income and generate employment in the sector.

The objectives for which the College when established include among others:

(a) to encourage the advancement of learning and to hold out to all persons without distinction of race, creed, sex or political conviction;

(b) to develop and offer academic and professional programmes leading to the award of certificates, first degrees, post-graduate research, diploma and higher degrees with emphasis on planning, developmental and adaptive skills in Education, technology, applied science, agriculture, commerce, arts, social science, humanities, management and allied professional disciplines;

(c) to produce socially mature agriculturists with capabilities not to only understand agricultural need of Nigeria as a nation, but also to exploit existing agro infrastructure and improve on it to develop new ones.

(d) to act as agents and catalysts for effective agricultural system, through post graduate training , research and innovation, for effective economic utilization and conservation of the country's human resources.

(e) to collaborate with other national and international institutions involved in training, research and development of agriculture with a view to promoting governance, leadership and management skills among agriculturists.

(g) to identify agricultural needs of the society with a view to finding solutions to them within the context of overall national development.

(h) to undertake any other activities that is appropriate for a College of agriculture of the highest standard.

The enactment of this Bill will help not only in transforming the decayed educational infrastructures in Nigeria. Therefore Distinguished Colleagues, it is my prayer and ardent call on you to consider the plight of the people who are desirous to becoming professional teachers.

Mr. President, Distinguished colleagues, let me also stress the fact that the location of the College's site, Bam bam Gombe State is instructive. What this means is that the place has a clear crying need for Federal Government presence, and the College would be one way to restoring and re-strengthening the citizens' sense of belonging to this nation.

Mr. President, my Distinguished Colleagues it may interest you to know that the host community Bam bam is ready host the Institution.

In line with Order 77(3) of the Senate Standing Order 2015 as amended, a compendium of the financial implication of the establishment of the College is hereby attached.

Therefore, I urge you all to support the expeditious passage of this Bill.

Thank you.

COMPENDIUM OF THE FEDERAL COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, BAMBAM
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In compliance with Order 77(3) of the Standing Rules of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria with respect to the procedure of Bills, Compendium and Consolidation, which states inter alia that "On the introduction of a Bill, a compendium of background information and financial implications of such Bills if passed into Law shall be delivered to all Senators", the following compilation with regard to the aforementioned Bill is herewith presented for the general information of senators.

It is worthy of note that the compilation shown below is a summary of the anticipated recurrent and capital expenditure in the first twelve months immediately following the commencement of this Act.

TOTAL: FEDERAL COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, BAMBAM GOMBE STATE

	1,126,529,588
TOTAL ALLOCATION:	1,126,529,588.
PERSONNEL COST	737,640,699
SALARY:	655,680,621
SALARIES AND WAGES	655,680,621
CONSOLIDATED SALARY	655,680,621
ALLOWANCES AND SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION:	81,960,078
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NON REGULAR ALLOWANCES:	32,784,031
FOREIGN SERVICE ALLOWANCE:	49,176,047
TOTAL GOODS AND NON-PERSONAL SERVICES GENERAL	111,111,111
OVERHEAD COST:	111,111,111
TRAVEL & TRANSPORT GENERAL:	111,111,111
LOCAL TRAVEL & TRANSPORT: TRAINING:	111,111,111
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE:	277,777,778
CONSTRUCTION / PROVISION:	277,777,778
CONSTRUCTION / PROVISION OF FIXED ASSETS - GENERAL:	277,777,778
CONSTRUCTION / PROVISION OF INFRASTRUCTURE:	277,777,778
TOTAL PERSONNEL:	737,640,699
TOTAL OVERHEAD:	111,111,111
TOTAL RECURRENT:	848,751,810
TOTAL CAPITAL:	277,777,778
TOTAL ALLOCATION:	1,126,529,588