

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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SPURIOUS PESTICIDES IN INDIAN MARKET  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government are aware that various spurious pesticides are flooding the Indian markets;
- (b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure that only genuine pesticides are dispensed in the market;
- (c) whether the Government have testing facilities at State and National level;
- (d) if so, the names of the States where such labs are located; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The Government has not received any report regarding spurious pesticides flooding the Indian markets. Quality control analysis statistics received from the States/UTs have found only 3% (approximately) of the pesticides to be misbranded.

(b): Import, manufacture, sale and distribution of pesticides is regulated under the Insecticides Act, 1968 and Insecticides Rules, 1971. There is a provision for registration of pesticides at the Central Government level and licensing for manufacturing and sale of pesticides by States/UT Governments after registration. The Act provides for notification of four important functionaries for this purpose viz., Licensing Officer, Appellate Authority, Insecticide Inspector and Insecticide Analyst to ensure that only genuine/quality pesticides are dispensed/distributed in the market. Stringent administrative/legal action against defaulters of law is taken by the States/UTs.

Further, the Government has set up a Task Force in the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation to get pesticide samples drawn for analysis, to check quality thereof by the notified Central Insecticide Inspectors.

There is a network of 46 State Pesticide Testing Laboratories and 2 Regional Pesticide Testing Laboratories of the Central Government and the Central Insecticides Laboratory, established under Provisions of S-16 of the Insecticides Act, 1968 to test and analyse the quality of insecticides. About 50,000 samples are drawn and tested annually.

(c) to (e): 19 States and 1 UT have 46 State Pesticide Testing Laboratories (SPTLs) in the country with a total annual capacity of 56,116 samples (Annexure-I). Besides, two Regional Pesticide Testing Laboratories (RPTLs) at Kanpur and Chandigarh have also been set up for supplementing the resources of the States/UTs in the analysis of pesticides particularly for those States/UTs where do not have their own State Pesticide Testing Laboratory. At the Central level, Central Insecticides Laboratory has been set up under Section 16 of the Insecticides Act, 1968 to perform the statutory role of referral analysis.

The list of States where the Laboratories are located is enclosed in Annexure-I.

Annexure-I

**PESTICIDE TESTING LABORATORIES IN STATE/UTs**

Sl.No	State/UTs	Number of Laboratories	Location	Capacity of analysis per annum
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|----|----------------|---|--|-------|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 5 | Rajendra Nagar, Guntur, Anantapur, Tadepalligudem & Warangal | 10000 |
| 2. | Assam          | 1 | Guwahati   | 200   |
| 3. | Bihar          | 1 | Patna  | 500   |

4. Gujarat	2	Junagarh & Gandhinagar	2200
5. Haryana	2	Karnal & Sirsa	2200
6. Himachal Pr.	1	Simla	
7 Jammu & Kashmir	2	Srinagar & Jammu	700
8. Karnataka	5	Bangalore, Bellary, Dharwad, Shimoga & Kotnoor	6000
9. Kerala	1	Trivendrum	2000
10. Madhya Pradesh	1	Jabalpur	1000
11. Maharashtra	4	Pune, Amaravathi, Thane & Aurangabad	5000
12. Manipur	1	Mantipukhri	30
13. Orissa	1	Bhubaneshwar	1000
14. Punjab	3	Amritsar, Ludhiana & Bhatinda	3900
15. Rajasthan	2	Jaipur, Bikaner	1200
16. Tamil Nadu	9	Coimbatore, Kovilpatti, Erode, Madurai, Trichy, Aduthrai, Salem, cuddalore & Kanchipuram	16236
17. Uttar Pradesh	3	Meerut, Lucknow & Varanasi	3000
18. West Bengal	1	Midnapore	450
19. Pondicherry	1	Pondicherry	500
TOTAL	46		56116

Area of Coverage - Respective States/UT