

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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USE OF FLY ASH IN FARMING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab Rao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth has successfully conducted an experiment to use fly ash for increasing crop yield; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to popularise use of fly ash in farming?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir. Dr. P.D.K.V. Akola has conducted an experiment on the use of fly ash for increasing crop yields at College of Agriculture, Nagpur.

(b) Field experiment with fly ash @ 10 t/ha have revealed increase in the crop yields, especially with respect to crops grown on Vertisols and inceptisols. Based on the encouraging results, the University has conducted about 433 demonstrations on cultivators' fields.