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ADULTERATION IN FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received complaints regarding adulteration in fertilizers, insecticides and chemicals due to which production is declining every year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to prevent this malpractice?

Answer

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(a) to (c): No cases of large scale adulteration of fertilizers, insecticides & chemicals have been reported to the Ministry. By and large good quality of fertilizers & insecticides are being sold in the country. Any decline in crop yield cannot be attributed to the non-availability of good quality fertilizers and insecticides, natural factors like untimely rains, fastwinds, floods/droughts, etc. play their role in reducing crop yield.

Fertiliser (Control) Order, 1985 ensures that fertilizer which meet the standards of quality laid down in the Order, are sold to the farmers. Similarly, the quality and sale of pesticides and insecticides are regulated under the provisions of Insecticides Act, 1968. The State/UTs Governments are the enforcement agencies and are adequately empowered to take appropriate action under the provisions of the Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985/Essential Commodities Act, 1955/Insecticides Act, 1966. To ensure that the farmers get the standard quality of inputs, States have been advised to regularly check the quality of fertilizers & insecticides. The samples of fertilizers and insecticides are drawn by the notified inspectors for analysis and report. Training programmes for insecticides and Fertilizer Analysts and Inspector to upgrade their knowledge and functional skills in the analysis and enforcement of various provisions of Insecticides Act and Fertilizer (Control) Order, are organized, which are followed by periodical review during Zonal Conferences.