

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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USE OF FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a wide variation in the ideal ratio of NPK in the use of fertilizers has been found in different parts of the country; and
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to launch a nation wide educational programme for making farmers aware of the benefits of the balanced use of the fertilizers having ideal ratio?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Government is promoting the soil test based balanced and judicious use of chemical fertilizers in conjunction with organic manures and bio-fertilizers as an Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) strategy. Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), State Agricultural Universities and Extension Agencies are imparting training to the farmers of soil test based integrated nutrient management and organizing Front Line Demonstrations (FLDs) to make them aware of the usefulness of the balanced fertilization for improving soil health and productivity.