

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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CONVERSION OF MARINE ALGAE INTO BIO FERTILIZERS FOR COMMERCIAL SALE

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has developed an eco-friendly technology to convert marine algae into bio-fertilizers for commercial sale to boost the food production;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to transfer this technology to industries interested in manufacturing the bio-fertilizers in liquid form of seaweeds?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): The Central Salt & Marine Chemical Research Institute, Bhavnagar has developed a protocol for the production of marine bio-fertilizers (liquid) in collaboration with Division of Microbiology, Indian Agricultural Research Institute under All India Project of Algae.

(c): The product is still under testing stage at field.