

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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LOSS DUE TO PESTS, WEEDS AND DISEASES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the country losses nearly Rs.90,000/- crores annually due to pests, weeds and crop diseases; and
- (b) if so, the action proposed to ensure that all cropped areas get pests protection?

Answer

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

(a): It has been estimated that crop losses due to pests including insect pest, diseases, rodents and weeds range between 10 to 30% every year depending on climatic and environmental conditions.

(b): Government has adopted Integrated Pest Management (IPM) as the cardinal principle of plant protection. Government has established Central Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Centres across the country to, inter alia, impart training to farmers in IPM by organizing Farmers Field Schools (FFSs). IPM packages of practices for pest/disease management in 77 major crops have been developed and circulated to all States/UTs and have been posted on www.dacnet.nic.in/ppin for use by extension functionaries and farmers.