

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:85
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CONSUMPTION OF FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the average per hectare consumption of fertilizers in the country recorded during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the world average per hectare consumption of fertilizers;
- (c) the extent to which the Integrated Nutrient Management Strategy is helping to reduce the use of fertilizers in the country; and
- (d) the promotional measures taken or proposed to be taken to encourage organic farming in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 85 DUE FOR REPLY ON 5TH MARCH, 2007.

- (a): The average per hectare consumption of fertilizers (NPK nutrients) in the country during the last three years, State-wise – is given in the Annexure.
- (b): The average world consumption of fertilizers (NPK nutrients) per hectare of arable land is 105.50 kg.
- (c): The Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) envisages soil test based balanced and judicious use of chemical fertilizers in conjunction with organic manures and bio fertilizers. INM moderates the nutrient requirement of crops based on the nutrient supplying capacity of soil as judged by soil testing and the supplementary nutrients obtained from organic manures and bio fertilizers.
- (d): The promotional measures taken to encourage organic farming through the National Project on Organic Farming includes capacity building through service providers, training and demonstration for creating awareness, market development and financial assistance to commercial production units of organic inputs.