

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4161
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DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF PESTICIDES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the demand and supply status of pesticide during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the supply of pesticides is less than the demands made by the various State Governments including West Bengal;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government for the adequate supply of pesticides in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (e): The statement showing State-wise consumption of pesticides during the last three years is annexed. The Central Government reviews availability of agricultural inputs, including pesticides, with the States during Zonal Conferences organized prior to Kharif and Rabi seasons. The supply of pesticides in the States is regulated by the State Governments. There is no shortage of pesticides in the States/Union Territories, including West Bengal, as reported by representatives of the States in the Zonal Conferences organized prior to Kharif and Rabi seasons in 2009.