

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON

LOSS OF CROP YIELD DUE TO PEST ATTACKS .

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Will the Minister of COALCOALAGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that country loses approximately 18 per cent of its crop yield valued Rs. 90,000 crores due to pest attacks each year according to rating agency CARE;
- (b) if so, whether Government agrees with the findings of CARE; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by Government to save the crop yield due to pest attacks?

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):As per the report of Credit Analysis & Research LTd. (CARE) on Indian Pesticides Industry, the country loses approximately 18% of the crop yield valued at Rs.90,000 crore due to pest attack each year. The report has cited 37th Report of the Standing Committee on Petroleum & Chemicals (2002) on `Production and Availability of Pesticides`.
- (b):It is estimated that crop losses due to insect pests, diseases and weeds range between 10 to 30 per cent annually, depending on severity of pest attack.
- (c):To prevent/reduce crop losses due to pests, the Government has been implementing a scheme, namely, `Strengthening and Modernization of Pest Management Approach in India` adopting Integrated Pest Management (IPM) as the main plank of plant protection strategy through Farmers` Field Schools organized by 31 Central IPM Centres in 28 States and one Union Territory. Suitable interventions for plant protection are also made through other schemes such as Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, Macro Management of Agriculture, National Horticulture Mission, National Food Security Mission etc.