

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 04.12.2009**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**FALL IN SOIL NUTRITION IN ASSAM .**

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SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS

Will the Minister of COAL AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that there has been an inordinate fall in soil nutrition factors in Assam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action plan of Government towards controlling the use of urea and banning the use of other pesticides to ensure food safety and nutrition security in the State of Assam?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION)

(SHRI K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b):An increasing trend of depletion of nutrients has been reported in soil in Assam as brought out below:-

Nutrient Negative balance (in metric tonnes) in 1998-99 Negative balance

(in metric tonnes) in 2005-06

N 1,35,257 2,14,763

P2O5 65,876 59,967

K2O 1,67,650 2,35,576

(c):The Government has taken steps to reduce the imbalance in use of chemical fertilizers including urea as well as to reduce use of pesticides in the State of Assam keeping in view the food safety and nutrition security. Emphasis is given on balanced use of chemical fertilizers, Integrated Nutrient Management, organic farming and Integrated Pest Management for control of pests with judicious use of pesticides.