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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1743
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6TH March, 2018

FARMERS FIELD SCHOOLS

1743. SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government organizes Farmers Field Schools (FFSs) to sensitize farmers on pest management;
- (b) if so, the number of such FFSs organized during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to protect farmers from hazardous impacts of inhalation of toxic pesticides?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) to (c): The Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare is implementing 'Strengthening and Modernization of Pest Management Approach' (SMPMA) Scheme, wherein, inter alia, Farmers Field Schools (FFSs) are organized to sensitize farmers on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach and safe and judicious use of chemical pesticides as a last resort as per approved labels and leaflets. The details of Farmers Field Schools organized during the last three years are at Annexure I. Furthermore, Regular advisories on pest management are being shared with the States for their timely dissemination to the farmers through their extension functionaries. The State Governments through various forums such as Zonal Conferences and National Conference are requested to exhort their extension functionaries to educate and impart training to farmers on efficacious and sustainable pest management strategies and approaches.

Details of Farmers Field Schools (FFSs) for the period 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17.

S. No.	State	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
1	Telangana	6	10	16
2	Andhra Pradesh	0	8	10
3	Assam	32	28	32
4	Andaman & Nicobar	11	10	10
5	Arunachal Pradesh	10	8	10
6	Bihar	34	28	30
7	Chhattisgarh	18	18	18
8	Goa	8	8	12
9	Gujarat	19	24	30
10	Haryana	32	26	34
11	Himachal Pradesh	32	28	18
12	Jammu & Kashmir	36	34	24
14	Jharkhand	28	22	24
15	Karnataka	16	16	30
16	Kerala	21	24	24
17	Madhya Pradesh	26	22	24
18	Meghalaya	11	9	10
19	Maharashtra	32	35	47
21	Manipur	10	10	10
22	Mizoram	10	10	7
23	Nagaland	10	8	8
24	Orissa	30	30	31
25	Punjab	24	20	28
26	Rajasthan	32	37	47
28	Sikkim	10	10	8
29	Tamil Nadu	12	16	18
30	Tripura	8	6	8
31	Uttarakhand	24	22	24
32	Uttar Pradesh	74	72	88
35	West Bengal	24	20	32
	Total	640	619	712
