

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1418
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11TH FEBRUARY, 2020

AGRICULTURAL GROWTH RATE

1418. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government considers the use of fertilizers and pesticides necessary;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) the agriculture growth rate recorded during the last five years;
- (d) whether it is also a fact that the agriculture growth rate has been negative this year; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): Fertilizers are essential to improve Soil Health and to sustain higher agricultural productivity in the country. The Government of India (GoI) has been promoting soil test based Integrated Nutrient Management for balanced and judicious use of fertilizers. Soil Health Card Scheme has been implemented since 2015-16. Soil Health Card provides crop-wise recommendation on appropriate dosage of fertilizers to be applied.

Pesticides play an important role in sustaining agricultural production by protecting crops from pests. GoI has been implementing 'Sub-Mission on Plant-protection and Plant Quarantine' Scheme, under which Integrated Pest Management is promoted to educate the farmers about judicious use of chemical pesticides. Bio-pesticides and bio-control measures are also being promoted.

(c) to (e): The Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing Growth rate recorded during last 5 years are as under:-

Year	Percentage change over previous year
2014-15	-0.2
2015-16	0.6
2016-17	6.8
(Third Revised Estimate)	
2017-18	5.9
(Second revised Estimate)	
2018-19	2.4
(First revised Estimate)	

Gross Value Added (GVA) of Agricultural and allied sectors' share in total GVA of the country has increased from 16.1% in 2018-19 to 16.5% in 2019-20.
