

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 363
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4TH FEBRUARY, 2020

USE OF LOW QUALITY PESTICIDES

363 SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH NARAYAN DHANORKAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government has proposed any measures to lower the use of pesticides and insecticides in farming;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is true that the incidents of death of farmers are increasing due to use of low quality pesticides on account of lack of awareness; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is implementing 'Sub-Mission on Plant Protection and Plant Quarantine' Scheme, under which Integrated Pest Management approach is being promoted to educate the farmers about judicious use of chemical pesticides and to recommend use as per the directions prescribed on the label and leaflets. Integrated Pest Management seeks to promote cultural, mechanical, biological methods of pest control and recommends use of chemical pesticides as a measure of last resort. During the last 5 years (2014-15 to 2019-20), 3730 Farmer Field Schools and 732 HRD programmes were conducted under Integrated Pest Management and 1,41,180 farmers, pesticide dealers and officials have been trained.

(c) & (d): The Plant Protection Division is not in receipt of any such report. State Governments of Gujarat, Haryana, Kerala, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Odisha, Punjab, Tripura, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Arunachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Tamilnadu, Nagaland and Telangana also informed that no such incidences are reported in these States.
