

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5034
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01ST APRIL, 2025

ADVISORY ON LITCHI PEST INFESTATION

5034. SHRI UJJWAL RAMAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare/ कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has issued any advisory for litchi farmers in view of the pest infestation in litchi farming;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor; and
- (c) the measures being taken by the Government to protect litchi orchards in view of the possibility of infestation of litchi stink bug, dahiya insect and litchi mite during the litchi season?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR)

(a) to (c) Indian Council of Agricultural Research-National Research Center on Litchi (ICAR-NRCL), Muzaffarpur has issued advisories to assist litchi farmers in managing pest infestations. These advisories focus on integrated pest management (IPM) strategies to manage common pests such as the litchi fruit and shoot borer (*Conopomorpha sinensis*), litchi stink bug, and litchi mite. The advisories are available on ICAR-NRCL Institute's website and also disseminates through various modes like newspapers, TV channels, WhatsApp group, Facebook page, other social media platforms. Farmers Scientist monthly interaction meeting, Field days, Farmers training programmes were also organized and being organized by the institute to spread awareness among the litchi growers for management of insect's pests (litchi stink bug, dahiya insect, and litchi mite) of litchi.

Further, advisories are also being issued to Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVKs) and Department of Agriculture of different State Government Officials and training programmes are also being organized for farmers as well as field staff of Government of Bihar regarding insect pest and disease management of litchi.