

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 12.11.2010
ANSWERED ON
USE OF FERTILIZERS .

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Will the Minister of COALCOALCOALCOALCOALAGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that the imbalanced use of chemical fertilizers in the country has caused huge damage to the agricultural land of the country;
- (b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard;
- (c) whether Government has identified those regions of the country where maximum and minimum agricultural land has been affected; and
- (d) if so, the names of those States?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 63 FOR 12/11/2010 REGARDING USE OF FERTILIZERS.

(a) to (d): Imbalanced use of fertilizers coupled with low addition of organic matter and neglect of micro and secondary nutrients over the years has resulted in nutrient deficiencies and deterioration of soil health in many parts of the country, particularly in intensively cultivated Indo-Gangetic plains. A statement indicating the state-wise NPK consumption ratio as compared to the ideal ratio of 4 : 2: 1 is annexed.

Government launched the `National Project on Management of Soil Health & Fertility` during 2008-09 to promote soil test based judicious use of fertilizers for improving soil health and its productivity. The scheme includes setting up of new Static/ Mobile Soil Testing Laboratories, strengthening of existing soil testing laboratories, training of soil testing laboratory staff/extension officers/farmers, field demonstrations on balanced use of fertilizers and promoting use of organic manure, soil amendments and micronutrients.