

(d) Physical methods of destroying this weed are not cost-effective. Only effective weedicide against it is 2-4-5T which is not approved for registration due to its extremely hazardous nature.

However, biological agents have been identified for its control.

**Production capacity utilised by
fertilizer plants**

5804. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage of production capacity utilised by fertilizer plants during 1986-87, month-wise;

(b) whether there has been improvement in the capacity utilisation; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to maintain the position ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU) : (a) The overall a capacity utilisation of fertilizer plants during 1986-87, is indicated below, month-wise :

Month	Capacity Utilisation (Percentage)
April, 1986	50.8
May, 1986	60.4
June, 1986	66.4
July, 1986	73.8
August, 1986	80.5
September, 1986	80.4
October, 1986	86.7
November, 1986	89.0
December, 1986	96.4
January, 1987	92.6
February, 1987	83.5
March, 1987	90.3 (Estimated)
Total for 1986-87	79.2 (Estimated)

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Measures such as renovation, debottlenecking, modernisation, etc., are taken on a continuous basis to improve production performance of fertilizer plants.

Consumption of fertilizers in U.P.

5805. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the average yearly consumption of fertilizers in Uttar Pradesh has come down during the last two years;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that less quantity of fertilizers has been allotted to the State during the last two years;

(c) if not, the total quantity of fertilizers allotted to the State during the last two years; and

(d) the steps being taken to increase the consumption of fertilizers in the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). The requirements of fertilizers are asessed in consultation with the State Government for each crop season and those requirements are fully allocated from the indigenous and imported fertilisers. The requirement of fertilisers of Uttar Pradesh assessed during the last two years i.e. 1985-86 and 1986-87 was as follows :

Year	(Lakh tonnes N + P + K) Assessed requirement
1985-86	23.00
1986-87	22.20

(d) The following steps are being taken to increase the fertilisers consumption in Uttar Pradesh :

(i) Adequate and timely availability of fertilisers through domestic production and import is being ensured.

- (ii) Delivery of fertilisers is made upto block level at Government cost.
- (iii) The State is being provided with the short-term loan for purchase and distribution of agricultural inputs every season at a concessional rate of interest.
- (iv) To ensure easy availability of fertilisers near the consuming centres, the number of sale points have been raised from 21969 on 31.3.1985 to 22770 on 31.1.1987.
- (v) The Lead Fertiliser Suppliers of the State have been asked to take up fertiliser promotion and training activities in each district.
- (vi) Intensive fertiliser promotion campaign is under implementation in 12 districts.

[English]

World bank assistance for water supply

5806. DR. G. S. RAJHANS: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of assistance received from the World Bank for supplying drinking water in various parts of the country during the last three years;

(b) the amount of such assistance provided to each State and Union Territory for the purpose; and

(c) whether the said amount has been fully utilised for the purpose and if so, the number of families provided safe drinking water with the World Bank assistance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c). The project-wise/State-wise amount of assistance committed by the World Bank Group for the water supply and sanitation sector during the last three years is shown in the statement given below.

World Bank Group assisted projects are implemented over periods normally extending between 5 to 7 years. The assistance committed is utilised over the entire plan of the project and would be fully utilised before the terminal date of the disbursement.