

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:8026  
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RICE BLAST DISEASE  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether rice blast disease is the major factor for declining trend in the rice production in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the remedial steps taken/proposed to be taken to contain rice blast?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Question does not arise.
- (c) The following remedial measures have been/are being taken for the control of rice blast disease:-
  - (i) Grow recommended resistant/tolerant varieties;
  - (ii) Avoid growing of susceptible varieties;
  - (iii) Seed treatment before sowing with Thiram/ Captan;
  - (iv) Balanced use of nitrogenous fertilizers and avoiding excess usage;
  - (v) Periodical monitoring of the disease incidence;
  - (vi) Need based use of fungicides like Mancozeb (1.125-1.5 kg a.i. in 750 lt. of water), Edifenphos (250-300 ml in 750-1000 lt. water), Tricyclozole (225-300 a.i. per 100 lt. of water).