

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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AWARENESS CAMPS ON THE DANGERS OF PESTICIDE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to hold awareness camps on the dangers of pesticide consumption and use; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): The Central Government and State Governments conduct awareness campaigns for safe and judicious use of pesticides through various training programmes for extension functionaries and officials of Agriculture Departments of Central and State Governments at National Plant Protection Training Institute, Hyderabad and other locations, who in turn train farmers across the nation regarding this aspect.

Further, under the Integrated Pest Management approach Farmers, Field Schools are organized to train farmers in safe and judicious use of pesticides with the aim of preventing misuse or excessive use thereof.

The labels, leaflets and packaging of pesticides, approved by the Registration Committee constituted under Section 5 of the Insecticides Act, 1968 also contain detailed instructions/information on safe use of pesticides.