

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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LOW CONSUMPTION OF FERTILIZERS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have identified low consumption areas of fertilizers in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details of such areas identified, state-wise;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the level of consumption of fertilizers up to standard level;
- (d) whether due to frequent changes in retail price of fertilizers the consumption has gone down; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The average fertilizer consumption for cropped area in country is 90.1 kg/hectare during 2001-02. The consumption in the States of Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Chattisgarh, Rajasthan, Goa, hilly regions of Uttaranchal, Himachal Pradesh and North Eastern States (except Manipur) is much less than the national average. The consumption of fertilizers in irrigated areas are normally more than the rainfed areas.

(c): The Government is promoting integrated water, nutrient and water shed management practices and also soil test based balanced and judicious use of fertilizers along with organic manures and bio-fertilizers for augmenting higher nutrient use in low fertilizer consuming areas of the country.

The Government is also implementing a scheme `On farm water management for increasing crop production in Eastern India` for optimal utilization of ground water resources for increasing fertilizer consumption and crop productivity in these areas.

(d) & (e): The consumption of fertilizers has declined during 2000-01 and 2002-03 mainly due to drought conditions prevailed in the country and not due to increase in MRPs of fertilizers.