

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:184  
ANSWERED ON:08.03.2000  
BAN ON USE OF TRANSGENIC PLANTS  
SUBODH MOHITE

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government are considering the demand of environmentalist to ban the use of transgenic plant varieties in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefore;
- (d) whether the Government have formulated any plan for reducing consumption of pesticides and other chemicals in farming; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA)

(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.184 TO BE ANSWERED ON 8TH MARCH, 2000 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): It is stated that trials conducted have shown that transgenic plants technology can be perfected to develop plants resistant to pests & diseases which will reduce the consumption of pesticides & chemicals besides improving the quality and nutritional values of crops.

(d): Yes, Sir.

(e): Government is promoting the Integrated Pest Management(IPM) Practices for a number of crops in the country for reducing the consumption of chemicals and pesticides which are harmful to the environment and financial assistance for this purpose is being given to the State Governments.