

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE FOR CONTROL OF PESTS AND PLANT DISEASES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received a number of proposals from State Governments seeking financial assistance for control of pests and various plant/tree diseases;

(b) if so, the details of such proposals received during each of the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b)& (c): Based on the Work Plan proposals of the States, Central Government approves sector wise outlays to each of the States under macro management. The work plan contains a component for promotion of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) which is an environment friendly ecological approach for managing pests and diseases. This approach encompasses pest control techniques such as cultural, mechanical, biological and scientific and judicious use of pesticides. The approved outlay for IPM, state wise for the period 2003-04 to 2005-06 is given in annexure I. National Horticulture Mission also approves state specific proposals for promoting Integrated Pest Management of horticultural crops. Following proposals have been approved under National Horticulture Mission for providing financial assistance for control of pests and diseases:

(i) Special assistance of Rs. 591 lakh has been approved for control of gummosis of orange in Madhya Pradesh, during 2006-07.

(ii) An amount of Rs. 212.50 lakh has been sanctioned to the Government of Karnataka as a special package for the management of bacterial blight affected pomegranate orchards, during 2006-07.

(iii) An amount of Rs. 1170.83 lakh has been approved for the rehabilitation of Yellow leaf disease affected arecanut gardens in Kerala over a period of 3 years with an outlay of Rs. 125.44 lakh during 2006-07.

(iv) A package of good management practices in bacterial blight affected pomegranate orchards of Maharashtra, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, in an extent of 9753 hectares, 7426 hectares and 1200 hectares, respectively, has been approved, in March, 2007.