

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1372
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CONSUMPTION OF FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the national average consumption of fertilizers in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether farmers of some of the States including Jharkhand are consuming fertilizers below the national average and as a result the agriculture production in such States remains less than the national average;
- (c) if so, the reasons and the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) the corrective action taken in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

- (a): The national average consumption of fertilizers is 116.51Kg/hectare. A statement showing State-wise consumption is annexed.
- (b)to(d): Yes, Madam. Consumption of fertilizers in some of the States including Jharkhand is below the national average. The reasons for low yield of crops in these States are inadequate and imbalanced use of fertilizers, poor soil health and poor input management by the farmers. Government is promoting Integrated Nutrient Management envisaging soil test based judicious and balanced use of chemical fertilizers including micro nutrients in conjunction with organic manures and bio-fertilizers for improving soil health and its productivity.