

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1445  
ANSWERED ON:14.07.2009  
NOXIOUS WEEDS  
Panda Shri Baijayant

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

- (a) whether growth of harmful noxious weeds has been reported in Orissa probably through import of wheat from other countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this weed is harmful both to human, animals and food production; and
- (d) if so, the action plan drawn to control the spread of this weed?

**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) & (b): A weed known as Parthenium or Congress grass found all over the country is believed to have been introduced through import of wheat during 1950s. However, no noxious weed has been reported to have established in Orissa through wheat imported in past few years.

(c): Yes, Madam.

(d): The Government has prepared strategies to control and check this weed through extensive research in the National Research Centre for Weed Science, Jabalpur and different State Agricultural Universities, which inter alia include application of physical, biological and chemical control measures and educating the farmers on the weed's ill effects and its management through application of herbicides, bio-agents etc.