

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT OF PESTICIDES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the import of pesticides in the country is increasing;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether this had adversely affected domestic pesticides industry; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to curb the import of pesticides and to promote the production of pesticides in the country?

**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): The quantity of pesticides imported during previous five years is given below:

Year    Quantity Imported  
(metric tonnes of technical grade)

2004-05	18,329
2005-06	18,619
2006-07	28,223
2007-08	29,297
2008-09	18,476

The imports are made for:

- (i) Formulating certain pesticides, technical grade material of which is not available in the country.
- (ii) Manufacture of pesticides for export.
- (iii) Manufacture of new molecules/formulations.
- (iv) Introducing new molecule in the country for trial purpose.

(c) & (d): No, Madam. The production of pesticides in the country was 85,338 metric tonnes in 2008-09 as against 79,756 metric tonnes in 2007-08.