

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PLANT PROTECTION STRATEGIES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has any plant protection strategy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which the Government disseminates information to the farmers in the country on the need and methods for plant protection?

**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) to (c): Yes, Madam. Government is implementing a scheme titled "Strengthening and Modernization of Pest Management Approach in India" since 1991-92 adopting Integrated Pest Management (IPM) as main plank of plant protection strategy in overall crop production programme.

The Government has established 31 Central Integrated Pest Management Centres in 28 States and one Union Territory (UT). The mandate of these Centres is pest/disease monitoring, production and release of bio-control agents/bio-pesticides, conservation of bio-control agents and imparting training to Agriculture/Horticulture Extension Officers and farmers at grass root level by organising Farmers Field Schools (FFSs). Basic aim of FFSs is to train the farmers on the latest IPM technology so that they are able to take decisions in pest management operation. Under the scheme 12,887 FFSs have been organised wherein 3,87,495 farmers in different States/UTs have been trained. Also IPM package of practices for pest/disease management have been developed for 77 major crops in collaboration with State Departments of Agriculture/Horticulture/ICAR Institutions/State Agriculture Universities which have been circulated to all States/UTs and are available at the website [www.dacnet.nic.in/ppin](http://www.dacnet.nic.in/ppin) for use by the extension functionaries and farmers.