

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
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USE OF DRUGS FOR CARDAMOM PRODUCTION  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the cardamom farmers are using drugs like disperin, steriods and antibiotics alongwith pesticides for growing cardamom;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith its effect on the quality of cardamom;
- (c) whether any study has been conducted in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**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 (d): There are reports that few cardamom farmers have used allopathic drugs alongwith pesticides for growing cardamom. An inquiry conducted by the Spices Board has revealed that drugs viz., Wysolone 5 (Prednisolone tablets), Disprin (Soluble analgesic – acetyl salicylic acid) and Vitamin B complex were sprayed along with slurry (cow dung and other combinations including jaggery, vinegar etc., ) to which a pesticide or fertilizer was also added. As the use of these drugs on the production of cardamom is not recommended, field units of the Spices Board and farmer's associations have been asked to be vigilant about use of such avoidable, scientifically unproven and irrational usage of chemicals in the cardamom.