

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ADVERSE IMPACT OF PESTICIDES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of the farmers/ agricultural workers affected due to exposure and use of pesticides in the country including Andhra Pradesh, Statewise;
- (b) whether any deaths have been reported due to use/over exposure of pesticides;if so,the details thereof;
- (c) whether any compensation paid to the victims;
- (d) if so, the number of farmers paid compensation, State-wise; and
- (e) the measures taken to educate farmers and create awareness about the illeffects of pesticides?

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 statement showing the number of pesticides poisoning cases (suicidal/ homicidal/accidental/occupational) State-wise, including Andhra Pradesh, during the last five years (2003-04 to 2007-08) is at Annexure-I. These cases also include poisoning cases of the farmers/agricultural workers affected due to inhalation/exposure.

A statement showing the number of deaths (suicidal/homicidal/accidental/ occupational) State-wise during the last five years (2003-04 to 2007-08) due to pesticides poisoning due to various reasons including inhalation/over exposure is at Annexure-II.

(c) & (d): The information is not maintained by Central Government.

(e): The Central and State Governments organize training programmes on safe and judicious use of pesticides to educate the farmers and to create awareness about ill-effects of misuse of pesticides.

The Government is popularizing the strategy of Integrated Pest Management which includes cultural, mechanical, biological and other methods of pest-control and only safe and judicious use of pesticides.