

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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ENVIRONMENT FRIENDLY CULTIVATION

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

(a) whether the Government is encouraging usage of bio-chemicals and pesticides in agriculture sector which preserve natural environment and are free from pollution of chemicals; and

(b) if so, the details of budget allocation made for the last three years and the current year alongwith the details of schemes and programmes, State-wise and scheme-wise?

**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): Yes, Madam. Government is encouraging use of bio-pesticides in agriculture under the Integrated Pest Management Programme implemented by 31 Central Integrated Pest Management Centres through Farmers Field Schools (FFSs).

(b): The details of the budget allocation under FFSs, State-wise, are annexed.