

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3415
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ORGANIC FERTILISERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study on the effects of fertilisers on the different areas and States of the country including Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any system is in place for checking the quality of organic fertilisers; 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) & (b): Studies carried out by ICAR at different locations including Himachal Pradesh indicated that non-judicious and imbalanced use of inorganic fertilizers (NPK) over year may result in deterioration of soil fertility/nutrient deficiencies. The Government is therefore, promoting soil test-based balanced and judicious use of chemical fertilizers, bio-fertilizers and organic manures to maintain soil health and its productivity.
- (c) & (d): Yes, Madam. Quality of organic fertilizers is being regulated through Fertilizer Control Order, 1985.