

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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USE OF INSECTICIDES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it has been estimated that about 30 per cent of crops is destroyed every year in the country due to non-usage of insecticides;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is implementing any scheme to increase the use of insecticides in the agriculture sector; and
- (c) 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): While no estimation has been made of crop loss due to non usage of pesticides, the crop losses due to insect pests, diseases and weeds in the country are assessed to be in the range between 10 to 30 per cent annually, depending on severity of pest attack.
- (b) & (c): Government of India has been implementing a scheme entitled "Strengthening and Modernization of Pest Management Approach in India" since 1991-92 by adopting Integrated Pest Management (IPM) as the main plank of plant protection strategy in overall crop production programme. IPM is an eco-friendly approach which encompasses judicious mix of chemical, cultural, mechanical and biological control measures.