

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4341  
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ILL EFFECTS OF PARTHENIUM GRASS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any remedial measures are being taken by the Government to check the ill effects of Parthenium Grass; and
- (b) 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): The remedial measures taken by Government to check the ill effects of Parthenium Grass are given below:

- (i) Uprooting the plants before flowering and burning the uprooted plants or using them for compost making.
- (ii) Application of prescribed herbicides in non-cropped situations.
- (iii) Application of recommended pesticides at 30-35 days after sowing in crops like wheat, sugarcane, maize, sorghum etc.
- (iv) Distribution of the insect *Zygogramma bicolorata* against Parthenium, especially in non-cropped areas.
- (v) A project on "Large scale demonstration on management of Parthenium through integrated approach" was carried out during 2004-07 in identified areas of the country.
- (vi) To make people aware of the ill effects of the Parthenium and its management, Parathenium Awareness Week is observed during 6 – 12 September every year.