

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:390
ANSWERED ON:30.08.2011
JUDICIOUS USE OF FERTILISERS/PESTICIDES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has established Integrated Pest Management (IPM) centres in various States to impart training and awareness among the farmers for judicious use of fertilisers/pesticides in agriculture;
- (b) if so, the details of IPM centres, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the activities being carried out by these centres;
- (d) whether various Central/State Agricultural Universities/Institutions are also involved in conducting campaigns to create awareness among the farmers about the judicious use of fertilisers;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the response received by the Government so far in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 390 DUE FOR REPLY ON 30TH AUGUST, 2011.

(a) & (b): Under the ambit of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) programme, the Government of India has established 31 Central Integrated Pest Management Centres(CIPMCs) in 28 States and one Union Territory to impart training and awareness among the farmers for judicious use of pesticides in agriculture. State-wise list of these Centres is annexed.

(c): Major activities of these CIPMCs are:

Popularization of IPM approach among farming community.

Conducting regular pest surveillance and monitoring to assess pest/disease situation.

Rearing biological control agents and conserving naturally occurring bio- agents.

Promotion of bio-pesticides.

Human Resource Development in IPM by imparting training to master trainers, extension workers and farmers through Farmers' Field Schools (FFSs).

Organizing short duration courses for pesticide dealers, NGOs, entrepreneurs and progressive farmers.

Organizing Season Long Training programmes (SLTPs) on major agricultural/horticultural crops for extension workers of State Governments.

(d) & (e): Yes, Madam. Scientists of Central/State Agricultural Universities are also involved in such campaigns in creating awareness among farmers about use pesticides and fertilizers judiciously in their crops through Farmers' Field Schools and Farm Schools.

(f): The response received by the Government is satisfactory.