

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DEMAND OF BIO-FERTILISERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of bio-fertiliser projects being run under the National Agriculture Development Scheme (NADS) in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the names of the co-operative institutions authorised for this purpose;
- (c) the details of demand of bio-fertiliser as compared to the last year in the country including Maharashtra;
- (d) whether the Government has given any direction to all the State Governments to meet this demand; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to create awareness among the farmers about the use of bio-fertilisers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

- (a): The detail of the projects sanctioned are at Annexure-I.
- (b): As reported by the Gujarat State, Gujarat State Cooperative Marketing Federation Ltd. Ahmedabad is authorized for this purpose.
- (c): In view of short shelf life, production of bio-fertilizers is demand driven, therefore, the production of bio-fertilizers is taken as actual demand. State-wise details of bio-fertilizer production including Maharashtra for the last year is at Annexure-II.
- (d) & (e): The State Governments are advised regularly in annual work plan meeting and conferences to promote the use of bio-fertilizers through Integrated Nutrient Management approach. Under National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF), National Horticulture Mission (NHM) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana(RKVY) schemes, assistance is provided for enhancing awareness through trainings and field demonstrations.