

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the total quantum of pesticide production and consumption in the country during 2009-10 and 2010-11;
- (b) the countries to which pesticides has been exported and the quantum and value of export during the same period;
- (c) whether the Government encourages the farmers by various methods to use limited and correct quantity of pesticides due to its adverse impact on human health; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Total production and total consumption of pesticides reported in the country during 2009-10 was 82,185 and 41,822 M.T. (Technical Grade) respectively. As per information available, 1,25,818 M.T. of (Technical Grade) pesticides with the value of about Rs.3,400/- crore were exported to various countries in South Asia, South East Asia, Middle East, Africa, Europe, Latin America etc. during 2009-10. Data of previous year is compiled by the month of October.
- (c) & (d): As a part of plant protection strategy, following steps are taken for safe and judicious use of pesticides :
 - (i) Each container of pesticide is accompanied with a label/ leaflet containing information on its usage.
 - (ii) Central and State Governments organize training programmes on safe and judicious use of pesticides to educate the farmers and to create awareness about ill-effects of misuse of pesticides.
 - (iii) The Government is popularizing the strategy of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) through a Central Sector Scheme "Strengthening and Modernization of Pest Management Approach in India" which includes cultural, mechanical, biological and other methods of pest control and emphasizes safe and judicious use of pesticides.