

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5173  
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CONVERSION OF CROP WASTE INTO BIOCHAR  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to initiate programmes to educate farmers to turn their crop waste into biochar, as a fertiliser and to boost soil fertility;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a) No, Madam. At present the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has no proposal to educate farmers on conversion of crop waste into biochar and its use in agriculture.
- (b) Doesn't arise.
- (c) The research on biochar is being carried out by ICAR for its use in agriculture is in preliminary stage.