

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the total production of bio-fertilisers in the country during the last year and the current year, company-wise and State-wise;
- (b) whether the country is self-sufficient in the production of bio-fertilisers; and
- (c) if not, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to augment the production of bio-fertilisers in the country in the next financial year?

Answer

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

- (a): As per available information, production of bio-fertilisers for the year 2009-10 and 2011 is annexed. Ministry of Agriculture does not maintain any data on company-wise production of bio-fertilisers.
- (b): Country has a good network of bio-fertilisers production units with an installed capacity of more than 1.25 lakh tonnes/annum which is adequate to meet the present demand of the country.
- (c): Government is providing financial assistance for setting up new/strengthening of existing bio-fertiliser production units. Credit linked back ended subsidy is available through NABARD and commercial banks up to 25% of total financial outlay restricted to ₹40 lakh for this purpose.