

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:239

ANSWERED ON:28.08.2012

JUDICIOUS USE OF PESTICIDES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the effect of indiscriminate use of pesticides on crops and the end users including farmers;

(b) if so, the findings of the said study;

(c) the crops which are affected due to excessive use of pesticides along with the number of farmers whose health has suffered as a result thereof, State-wise;

(d) whether the Union Government and the State Governments have organised any awareness programmes to educate the farmers about the judicious and safe use of pesticides; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 239 DUE FOR REPLY ON 28TH AUGUST, 2012.

(a) to (e): No, Madam. Pesticides are registered for use in agriculture after rigorous scrutiny of scientific data to ensure their bio-efficacy and safety to human, animal and environmental health. The judicious application of pesticides as per the procedures and dosages prescribed on their approved labels and leaflets would ensure that there is no adverse effect on account of their use. In addition, farmers, agriculture extension officers, NGOs and pesticides dealers are made aware of the effects of indiscriminate use of pesticides through organization of Farmers Field Schools (FFS) and other short and long term duration training programmes conducted by the Central Integrated Pest Management Centers (CIPMCs) of the Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage (DPPQ&S). So far DPPQ&S has organized 13991 FFSs in which approximately 58000 agriculture extension officers and more than 4.20 lakhs farmers have been trained on judicious use of pesticides and integrated pest management strategies.