

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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RESEARCH IN COW DUNG

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has carried out any research for developing cow dung as an alternative to chemical fertiliser; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the works carried out by the Government in this regard, so far?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. In order to reduce usage of chemical fertilizers, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and State Agricultural Universities have developed technologies for preparation of enriched/vermin compost from various organic wastes, including cow dung. These have been tested and found useful in improving soil health and crop productivity. The Council imparts training, organizes Front Line Demonstrations (FLDs) to educate farmers on this aspect. The Government through National Project on Management of Soil Health and Fertility (NPMSHF) and National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF) is promoting use of these composts/manures in the country.