

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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

(a) whether the Government has made any assessment regarding consumption of pesticides in the agriculture sector in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the average per hectare consumption of pesticides in the field of agriculture in the country during each of the last three years?

**Answer**

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

(a): Consumption, demand and availability of pesticides are reviewed by Central Government with States at beginning of each cropping season in Zonal Conferences in which representatives of pesticide industry are also invited. Consumption of pesticides in the last three years is as under:

Year    Consumption (metric tonnes)

2010-11    55,540

2011-12    52,979 (revised)

2012-13    45,386 (tentative)

State wise consumption of pesticides as reported by State Governments during last three years is annexed.

(b): As per "State of Indian Agriculture 2011-2012" prepared by Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture per hectare consumption of pesticides in India is 381 g which is low as compared to the world average of 500 g. A low consumption in India can be attributed to the existence of fragmented land holdings, dependence on monsoons, insufficient awareness among farmers, etc.