

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6633  
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SETTING UP OF BIOSECURITY AUTHORITY OF INDIA  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is considering to set up a Agricultural Biosecurity Authority of India for prevention, control, eradication and management of pests and diseases afflicting plants and animals and unwanted organisms;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any objections has been raised by certain fora/groups about overlapping of the functions of such an authority with the already existing regulatory bodies in agriculture; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): Government has introduced the Agricultural Biosecurity Bill, 2013 in Lok Sabha on 11th March, 2013 to enable establishment of the Agricultural Biosecurity Authority for prevention, control, eradication and management of pests and diseases of plants and animals and unwanted organisms for ensuring agricultural biosecurity and to meet international obligations of India for facilitating imports and exports of plants, plant products, animals, animal products, aquatic organisms and regulation of agriculturally important micro organisms and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.
- (c): No, Madam.
- (d): The question does not arise.