

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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LABORATORIES FOR TESTING PESTICIDE RESIDUES

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set-up a network of laboratories across the country to test Pesticide Residues;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and location-wise;
- (c) the criteria laid down for setting-up of laboratories;
- (d) the extent to which the farmers and consumers are likely to be benefited;
- (e) whether testing in laboratories is likely to hike the prices of food articles; and
- (f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): Government of India is implementing a Central Sector Scheme 'Monitoring of Pesticide Residues at National Level' to monitor pesticide residues in agricultural commodities. 21 laboratories of different Departments and Ministries are part of this network. The list of participating laboratories is annexed.

(c): The laboratories involved for testing of pesticide residues have been identified from the laboratory network of various Ministries/Departments/ Institutes as per their expertise in the area of pesticide residue analysis and their geographical location for maximum coverage of the country.

(d): The data base generated on pesticide residues has been shared with the State Governments concerned for promoting safe, judicious and need based use of pesticides adopting integrated pest management approach.

(e): No, Madam.

(f): Does not arise.