

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2287
ANSWERED ON:10.03.2015
CULTIVATION OF CROPS IN RIVER BASIN
Reddy Shri Ch. Malla

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has recently recommended for ban on the cultivation of edible crops on the flood plains of the Yamuna river as the vegetables grown there are highly contaminated and their consumption can lead to cancer;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to conduct a study to find out the soil health in the flood regions of all major rivers in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

- (a) & (b): The National Green Tribunal (NGT) vide its order dated 13.01.2015 in O.A. No.6 of 2012 has directed that no authority shall permit and no person shall carryout, any edible crops/fodder cultivation on the Flood Plain of Yamuna River and that this direction shall strictly be adhered to till Yamuna is made pollution free and is restored to its natural wholesomeness.
- (c): No such study is proposed.
- (d): Does not arise.