

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3590
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OPENING OF AGRICULTURE LABORATORY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the laboratory to test the presence of pesticides and metal residues in foodgrains in Agriculture University, Jabalpur has been closed;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to reopen the laboratory in view of abundant agriculture produce and researches; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

- (a): Yes, Madam. Pesticide Residues Laboratory at JNKVV was closed during X Plan.
- (b): The Pesticide Residue Laboratory located at JNKVV, Jabalpur under ICAR, AINP on Pesticide Residue project was closed in the X-five year plan on the recommendation of the Quinquennial Review Team (QRT, 1990-99) because of its very poor performance in terms of infrastructure facilities and research output.
- (c): No, Madam.
- (d): Not applicable in view of above.