

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide sufficient supply of pesticides to the farmers of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the financial support provided by the Government to the States including Karnataka so as to provide essential pesticides to farmers at subsidized rate;
- (d) the names of pesticides manufacturers and suppliers from whom these pesticides are procured; and
- (e) the manner in which the Government ensures adequate supply of pesticides to the farmers of the country at subsidized rate?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No shortage in the supply of pesticides has been reported by State Governments during zonal conferences.

(c) to (e): Department of Agriculture & Cooperation provides financial assistance to farmers for distribution of plant protection chemicals and bio-agents under National Food Security Mission @ Rs.500/ha or 50% or cost, whichever is less, in identified districts.

Funds are allocated to states under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana for various components. The scheme does not prescribe any specific subsidy level for pesticides. States can follow cost norm/subsidy pattern of Government of India/State Government schemes for providing financial assistance.