

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:35
ANSWERED ON:08.07.2014
KRISHI MELAS
Simha Shri Prathap

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited (RCF) organises "Krishi Melas' for the benefit of farmers and other stakeholders in various parts of the country:
- (b) if so, the details of such melas organized during the last one year and the success achieved therefrom: and
- (c) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by RCF to educate the farmers about various agricultural activities?

Answer

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a), (b) & (c) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 35 FOR REPLY ON 8.07.2014 REGARDING KRISHI MELAS ASKED BY HON'BLE M.P. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA

(a) : Yes sir. The Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited (RCF) organizes Krishi Melas in various parts of the country for the benefit of farmers. Besides, it also participate in various Agriculture Exhibitions conducted by the State/District Administrations at district/Taluqa level.

(b): In the last one year, RCF conducted 74 Krishi Melas in various states like Maharashtra, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Punjab, Haryana and Orissa. These melas were helpful in educating and creating awareness among farmers of balanced use of fertilizers, advantages of soil testing based nutrient application and new cost effective cultivation techniques.

(c): Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited (RCF) conducts residential and one day training programmes in its two State -of- the- Art farmer training institutes at Thal and Nagpur for the benefit of farmers and farm labours. RCF also undertakes field demonstration and carries out soil testing campaigns.