

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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MECHANISM OF QUALITY CHECK FOR FERTILIZERS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has established any monitoring mechanism for checking the quality of fertilizers;
- (b) if so, the details of the mechanism available with the Government for checking quality of fertilizers in order to ensure that only superior quality of fertilizer is being sold in the market; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a) to (c): Fertiliser (Control) Order, 1985 has been promulgated for regulation of quality of fertilisers. Samples of fertilisers are drawn periodically by fertiliser inspectors of State Governments to check their quality as per the parameters prescribed in the said Order. In case of imported fertilisers, the fertiliser inspectors of the Central Government draw samples from ships/containers. There are 78 notified Fertiliser Quality Control Laboratories in the country at present. No person shall manufacture/import for sale, sell, offer for sale, stock or exhibit for sale or distribute any fertiliser which is not notified in the Fertiliser (Control) Order or not of standard prescribed in the said Order. State Governments are empowered under the said Order to take appropriate administrative and legal action against those not complying with the provisions prescribed in the Order.

Government also provides assistance for setting up of new Fertiliser Quality Control Laboratories and strengthening/upgradation of existing State Fertiliser Quality Control Laboratories.