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28.	Rajasthan	2073099	1321126	6186482	33.51	21.36
29.	Sikkim	39832	16546	73426	54.25	22.53
30.	Tamil Nadu	6227705	1234054	8192973	76.01	15.06
31.	Tripura	490569	54448	565395	86.77	9.63
32.	Uttar Pradesh	17507112	3103166	22457594	77.96	13.82
33.	Uttarakhand	658214	162881	921554	71.42	17.67
34.	West Bengal	5674788	1005594	6991663	81.17	14.38
ALL INDIA:		83694372	23929627	129222237	64.77	18.52

Note: *Excluding Jharkhand.

Ban on use of Endosulfan

1873. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan to ban the use of pesticide Endosulfan;
- (b) the steps taken by Government on the basis of recommendations of Dr. Swaminathan Commission on Endosulfan submitted in 2002;
- (c) whether Government of Kerala has requested for continuing the ban on the use of Endosulfan; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken thereon by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) The Government has constituted an Expert Committee to review Endosulfan for its continued use or otherwise in the country.

(b) The Government is not aware of recommendations of Dr. Swaminathan Commission on Endosulfan submitted in 2002.

(c) Yes, Sir. Government of Kerala has requested for continuing the ban on the use of Endosulfan.

(d) Use of Endosulfan has been already put on hold in Kerala *vide* Government of India order dated 31.10.2006.

Vanishing of fertile soil

1874. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: