

Report on testing of fruits and vegetable samples in Delhi for Pesticide Residues

Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing a Central Sector Scheme namely "Monitoring of Pesticide Residues at National Level" since 2006 to monitor pesticide residues in agricultural commodities through a network of 24 laboratories in India. Samples of vegetables, fruits, cereals, spices, pulses, milk, butter, fish, meat, tea etc are analyzed to detect and monitor presence of pesticide residues and the data generated is shared with State Governments for prompt corrective action.

Status of pesticide residue in fruits and vegetables samples collected from Delhi during the period 1st April, 2013 to 31st October, 2014

- **Commodities Monitored:**

- **Vegetables:** Brinjal, Okra, Cauliflower, Cabbage, Green chilli, Tomato, Capsicum, Cucumber, Green pea, Bitter gourd, Coriander leaves and Bottle gourd
- **Fruits:** Apple, Guava, Mosambi, Pomegranate, Papaya, Mango, Banana, Pear

Commodity	Samples analysed	Samples found to contain residues above Maximum Residue Level (MRL) fixed by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India(FSSAI)
Vegetables	1219	41 (3.36%)
Fruits	100	2 (2%)
TOTAL	1319	43 (3.26%)