



## Agriculture & Plantation Sector

The Tea Board of India has urged the industry to adopt stringent food safety standards, stating that such measures are vital for ensuring the long-term sustainability of the tea sector.

In its newly released Plant Protection Code (PPC), the Board emphasized that compliance with food safety norms would help protect the plantation ecosystem, safeguard worker welfare, and support small tea growers.

The PPC promotes Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) such as integrated pest management (IPM) and the use of eco-friendly pest control alternatives, aiming to reduce dependency on chemical pesticides. The Board stressed that early-season adoption of IPM is key to maintaining food safety and crop health.

MCQ:

The new Plant Protection Code (PPC) by the Tea Board primarily focuses on:

(a) Increasing chemical pesticide use for yield maximization



## Tea Board Pushes for Food Safety Standards and Sustainable Practices

- (b) Promoting integrated pest management and food safety
- (c) Mechanizing tea plucking for higher efficiency
- (d) Expanding tea plantations into forest zones