

Pesticides Industry

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BHAKTA:
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a meeting on development of pesticides industry was held by his Ministry recently;

(b) if so, the outcome of the discussion held in the said meeting ; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for the healthy growth of pesticides industry with a view to boost exports and domestic consumption of quality pesticides?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) A 'National Conference on Pesticides' was held by the Ministry of Agriculture on 5th February, 1993 at New Delhi.

(b) The following major recommendations emerged during the Conference on pesticides :-

- i) Streamlining/rationalising of registration procedure for pesticides.
- ii) Introduction of fast track registration for export purpose.
- iii) Providing central assistance for strengthening the existing State pesticides Testing Laboratories and for establishing new laboratories.
- iv) Improvement in the system of drawl of samples.
- v) Creation of independent cell in the State Directorates and Agriculture

to coordinate quality control measures.

- vi) Organisation of combined training programmes of analysts at Government/private laboratories/training institutes.
- vii) Issue of quality control bulletin.
- viii) The State and industry to integrate their resources for organising training on safe and judicious use of pesticides.
- ix) Pragmatic regulatory system for pest control operators be introduced.

(c) Government have taken several steps to encourage growth of pesticides industry.

1. Excise duty on pesticides, as been abolished.
2. Custom duty on technical grade material and intermediates has been rationalised and scaled down.
3. Commercial production of Neem based pesticides has been allowed during provisional registration.

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Collapse of School Building

*194. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN :
SHRI SANAT KUMAR
MANDAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government are aware