

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3213  
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2000  
BAN ON PESTICIDES  
CHARAN DAS MAHANT

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

- (a) whether the Government have appointed a Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Raman to ban the use of pesticides and insecticides used in the country, which are banned in advanced countries;
- (b) if so, the terms and reference to this Committee;
- (c) the recommendations made by the Committee and accepted by the Government;
- (d) whether several Multi-National Companies (MNC) are manufacturing these banned pesticides;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the action taken by the Government to ban the manufacturing of these pesticides; (g) whether in addition to Dr. Raman Committee the Union Government have appointed another Committee in this regard; (h) if so, the details of the recommendations of this Committee; and (i) the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a)&(b) The Government had appointed a Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. K. V. Raman, to examine the safety, toxicity and persistency aspects of 15 pesticides under Indian conditions and to make appropriate recommendations for the ban or otherwise in the country.

(c) to (f) Based upon the recommendations made by the Committee, the Government has banned manufacture and use of the following pesticides:-

(i) Phenyl Mercury Acetate with effect

(ii) Methomyl 24% L from 26-3-99

(iii) Methomyl 12.5% L with effect

(iv) Phosphamidon 85% L from 26-3-2000

No pesticide which is banned under the Insecticides Act, 1968 and the Rules framed thereunder, is allowed to be manufactured after the date of its banning.

(g) to  
(i) Another Expert Committee was appointed to review the continued use or otherwise of 28 pesticides in the country. This Committee has recommended banning of 7, phasing out of 4, restrictions on the use of 6, and the continued use of 11 pesticides. The recommendations of the Committee are being examined by the Government.