

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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BAN ON HARMFUL PESTICIDES

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

- (a) whether the Union Government have identified the harmful chemical/pesticides which are being used by the farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government propose to amend certain provisions of insecticides Act, 1968 to protect the interests of farmers; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a)&(b) Registration for import or manufacture of pesticides is granted by the Registration Committee constituted under the Insecticides Act, 1968 after satisfying about all the relevant norms on safety and their efficacy. The Committee also lays down statutory guidelines like dosage, safety interval etc. in order to avoid any harmful effect of registered pesticides in their use by the farmers. The question of continued use or otherwise of pesticides is also reviewed, having regard to their health hazards to human being, animals and environment, through the Expert Committees constituted by Government from time to time. Based on such reviews, 21 chemical pesticides have been banned so far as per details in the Annexure.

(c)&(d) The Insecticides Act (Amendment) Bill, 2000 is proposed to be introduced in the Lok Sabha during the current Session. This seeks to provide for stringent penalties for violation of provisions of the Act, speedier trials of court cases and also to make certain provisions of the Act more effective in order to ensure availability of quality pesticides to the farming community.

PESTICIDES BANNED

1. Aldrin
  2. Benzene Hexachloride (BHC)
  3. Calcium cyanide
  4. Chlordane
  5. Copper Acetoarsenite 6. Dibromochloropropane (DBCP)
  7. Endrin
  8. Ethyl Mercury Chloride
  9. Ethyl Parathion 10. Heptachlor 11. Menazon 12. Nicotine Sulphate 13. Nitrofen 14. Paraquate dimethyl sulphate 15. Pentachloro nitrobenzene (PCNB) 16. Pentachlorophenol (PCP) 17. Phenyl Mercury Acetate (PMA) 18. Sodium Methane Arsonate (MSMA) 19. Tetradifon 20. Toxaphene 21. Methomyl 24% Formulation
- This pesticide is manufactured in India for export only.