

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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BAN ON PESTICIDES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether to boost the export of foodgrains Government propose to issue instructions to State Governments for banning the use of pesticides which are toxic and whose residues persist for along time in food commodities and the environment; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and its likely impact on production of foodgrains?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): Under the Insecticides Act, 1968, the pesticides are registered by the Registration Committee after satisfying about their efficacy to target pests and safety to human beings and environment. When used on recommended crops as per the recommended dosage, manner of application etc. under good agricultural practices, residues are not likely to cross the prescribed limits. However, whenever any report is received by the Government that a particular pesticide is toxic/hazardous, the said pesticide is reviewed by experts for its continued use or otherwise in the country. Based on such reviews, 26 pesticides and 5 formulations of 4 other pesticides have been banned for use in the country. The list of these pesticides is annexed.

LIST OF PESTICIDES/PESTICIDE FORMULATIONS BANNED IN INDIA

A. Pesticides and their formulations banned for import, manufacture & use

1. Aldrin
2. Benzene Hexachloride
3. Calcium Cyanide
4. Chlordane
5. Copper Acetoarsenite
6. Dibromochloropropane
7. Endrin
8. Ethyl Mercury Chloride
9. Ethyl Parathion
10. Heptachlor
11. Menazone
12. Nitrofen
13. Paraquat dimethyl Sulfate
14. Pentachloro nitrobenzene
15. Pentachlorophenol
16. Sodium Methane Arsonate
17. Tetradifon
18. Toxafen
19. Aldicarb ! Use shall be
20. Chlorbenzilate ! banned
21. Dieldrin ! w.e.f.
22. Maleic hydrazide ! 17.7.2003
23. Ethylene Dibromide !
24. TCA (Trichloro acetic acid) !

25. Nicotin Sulphate+
26. Phenyl Murcury Acetate+

B. Pesticide formulations banned for import, manufacture and use.

1. Methomyl 24%L
2. Methomyl 12.5%L
3. Phosphamidon 85%SL
4. Carbofuron 50% SP
5. Captafol 80% DS+

+ Banned for use in India but their manufacture is allowed for export.