## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:326 ANSWERED ON:06.08.2002 EFFECTS OF PESTICIDES ON ENVIRONMENT A. VENKATESH NAIK;RAMSHETH THAKUR

## Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have sponsored any meeting on pesticides for the Asia and Pacific region to support the United Nations Development Programme's Project tocheck degradation of environment and ensure safety of the farming community form the adverse effects of pesticides;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (c) the extent to which the meeting is likely to be useful in checking the degradation of environment and ensure safety of the farming community;
- (d) the measures taken to check degradation of environment and adverse effects of pesticides; and
- (e) if so, the direction issued by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA) (a) to (e) :A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) TO (E) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 326

- (a) A workshop was organized in March 2002 by the Institute of Pesticide Formulation Technology (IPFT), Gurgaon in its capacity as the Technical Coordinator unit of the Regional Network on Pesticide Production & Information for Asia and the Pacific (RENPAP).
- (b) & (c) The aim of the Workshop was to exchange views between delegates of various member countries on issues relating to safe use of pesticides. This was expected to help in the development of pesticides formulations that are safer to the environment and the farming community.
- (d) & (e) The measures taken by the Government to check the degradation of environment and adverse effect of pesticides include adoption of Integrated Pest Management (IPM).