

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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BANNED PESTICIDES INSECTICIDES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the use of many pesticides and insecticides banned for agricultural use in other countries is acting against the interest of the Indian exports; and

(b) if so, the remedial steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a): Sir, agricultural products having pesticide residues, beyond the limits prescribed by some countries, are rejected by such importing countries affecting our agricultural exports.

(b): The Government has taken various steps in this regard as under:

(i) The pesticides which are banned for agricultural use in other countries are reviewed by the Government through Expert Committees from time to time. Based on the recommendations of these Committees, the Government have banned 23 pesticides for use in the country.

(ii) The State Governments have been advised from time to time to ensure through the notified functionaries under the Insecticides Act, 1968, that the banned pesticides are not sold/used in agriculture.

(iii) Regular training programmes at the major export-oriented centers are organised to create awareness among the farmers, traders and exporters for reducing the use of chemical pesticides and need for observance of Good Agricultural and Sanitation Practices.

(iv) A number of bio-pesticides and bio-control agents which are safer, easily bio-degradable and are not known to cause residue problems, are being promoted through Integrated Pest management (IPM) to minimise the use of chemical pesticides.

(v) The State Governments/State Agricultural Universities through their extension functionaries impart training to educate the farmers to follow instructions given on the labels/leaflets about the dose, time of application, method of application and observance of safety intervals so that the residues of pesticides in agricultural commodities remain at the minimum.