

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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USE OF PESTICIDES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of various countries from which pesticides are being imported for use in the country; and

(b) the data with regard to loss to life and property caused due to the use of pesticides on crops during the last ten years in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a): Names of various countries from which pesticides were imported for use in the country during 2009-2010 are as follows: -

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China People's Republic, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Hungary, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Korea Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Nepal, Netherland, New Zealand, Norfolk Islands, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Swaziland, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and United States of America.

(b): Application of pesticides on crops as per approved dosage and manner of application does not cause harm to life and property. There have been reports of health problems in Kerala and Karnataka allegedly due to aerial spraying of Endosulfan pesticide on cashew plantations.