

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:63

ANSWERED ON:10.12.2013

USE OF BANNED PESTICIDES

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the pesticides which have been banned globally are still in use in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of such pesticides;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any study to establish the adverse impact of the banned pesticides on the human health as well as on livestock;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to educate the farmers regarding the harmfulness in using these banned pesticides?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 63 DUE FOR REPLY ON 10TH DECEMBER, 2013.

(a) to (d): A Committee of Experts has been constituted on 8th July, 2013 under the chairmanship of Dr. Anupam Verma (Adjunct Professor), Indian Agriculture Research Institute, Pusa, New Delhi, to review the use of neonicotinoid pesticides registered in India and to review 66 pesticides which are currently banned/ restricted/ withdrawn in one or more countries but continue to be registered for domestic use in India. A list of these pesticides is annexed.

The Registration Committee constituted under the provisions of the Insecticides Act, 1968 registers pesticides only after establishing their safety to human, animal and environmental health. The continued use of pesticides in the country is reviewed from time to time, as required.

(e): Steps taken to educate farmers include training programmes for farmers on safe use of pesticides such as through Farmers Field Schools programme being organized by 31 Central Integrated Pest Management centers located in 28 States and 1 U.T of India on different crops; information dissemination during Krishi Melas and through media.