

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3641
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Use of Pesticides
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the list of registered and approved uses of pesticides in the country by Central Insecticide Board and Registration Committee (CIBRC);
- (b) whether the State agencies are following the same crop pest combination ratio in their package of practices as recommended by CIBRC;
- (c) if not, the action proposed to be taken by the Government in case of non-adherence by the States to the central registration and the FAO Code regarding pesticide use;
- (d) whether the Union Government has received some complaints that para-quat an acute poison is sold in plastic carry bags in West Bengal, if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the details of the total quantity of pesticides consumed in the country annually in the last three years along with the number of pesticides which are used for non-agriculture purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

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(a): Registration Committee (RC) has registered 260 technical grade pesticides and 585 pesticide formulations. The list of such pesticides and the details of approved use is available in website www.cibrc.nic.in/mup.htm.

(b) & (c): Central Government from time to time alerts State Governments to adhere to the crop pest combination in their package of practices as approved by RC.

(d): Pesticides Action Network India has submitted a study report titled "Conditions of Paraquat Use in India". This chemical has already been included in the list of pesticides taken up for expert review to assess desirability of its continuance as a weedicide in India. The Government of West Bengal has been apprised to have the matter investigated and appropriate action taken as per law.

(e): The total chemical pesticide consumption is as follows:

Year Quantity (Unit: MT Technical Grade)
2012-13 45619
2013-14 60282
2014-15 57353

Source: States/UTs Zonal Conference on inputs (Plant Protection)
