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Title : Need to ban the use of Endosulphan as a pesticide for aerial spraying in cashew plantation in Kasargod district, Kerala.

SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN (KASARGOD): Endosulphan has been identified scientifically as a pesticide with dangerous side effects and it has been debarred from use in almost all developed countries. It pollutes air, water and earth and causes Cancer, TB, physical deformities and genetic problems. This is being used even today as a pesticide for aerial spraying in cashew plantation in Kasargod district of Kerala. As a consequence 44 people have died and thousands are disabled and inching towards death. The entire village of 'Padre' is in the grip of its effects. Children are borne with deformities.

This is a very serious situation and immediate intervention of the Government is required. The use of Endosulphan or such deadly pesticide has to be banned from use. The next of kin of all those died should be adequately compensated and free medical facilities have to be provided to all those affected. Rehabilitation of those affected is necessary. A Central Scheme with the assistance of the State Government has to be drawn up immediately for this purpose.