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Title: Need to create awareness about the ill-effects of pesticides found in vegetables.

SHRI CHARLES DIAS (NOMINATED): Nowadays most of the vegetables coming to the market are coated with pesticides to protect them from pests and insects. Most of the pesticides are harmful to human body. The farmers are forced to use pesticides to protect their crops and generally the farmers are not in a position to clean all the vegetables as it is practically not feasible. In their eagerness to gather their crop and taking the same to market, they are least bothered about the pesticides. It has been reported that the pesticides cause right from stomach disorders and damages to internal organs and even cancer. In many cases, skin allergy and various other allergies are developed in human beings due to consumption of pesticides through vegetables.

It is pointed out that vegetables with pesticides on it can be washed off if it is kept in water for one or two hours. In many of the hospitals and public places notices showing the danger of using the vegetables without proper washing, have been displayed. I urge upon the Government to take immediate steps to study the matter and provide adequate publicity for keeping the vegetables in water for hours to free it from pesticides before cooking. Also, steps have to be taken to display this in front of the Government and private hospitals and nursing homes, so that many people can save themselves from the dangers of pesticides.