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Title: Regarding the Growing menace of toxic food items.

SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE (RAVER): Almost all foods items of our daily consumption are contaminated with Pesticides and Agro-chemicals. Fresh water fish contains chemicals and mercury from the industrial effluents, poultry chicken and eggs are contaminated with hormones. Adulterated food can lead to dropsy, infertility, glaucoma, brain, liver and kidney damage, cancer, skin diseases, cardiac ailment and even death. The rapid development of food technology and food processing industries has raised the risk of contamination by additives. On top of it unscrupulous traders adulterate food to increase the margin of profits. The country uses around 30,000 tonnes of pesticides annually more than 70% of which consists of Organo-Chlorine compounds, out of the range of chemical fertilizers used in agricultural farming only Urea's contributes annual requirement in our country to the tune of 31 million tonnes. During the recent survey around 20% of food products contain pesticides residues beyond the Maximum Residue Level (MRL). In the recent samples drawn by Indian Council of Medical Research found DDT in 82% of the samples collected randomly from 12 states. I request a multi-dimensional approach is essential to be initiated to meet the growing menace of toxicological hazards of food by strengthening the activities of regulating agencies, stringent action along with empowering the enforcement authorities for strict compliance of the food safety guidelines and regulations stipulated by FSSAI and save the new generation.