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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4914
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 23RD JULY, 2019

BAN ON DANGEROUS CHEMICALS AND PESTICIDES

4914. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government or any agency has conducted any survey on the death of farmers due to ignorance of using dangerous chemicals and pesticides in farming causing ill effect on human health, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has considered imposing restriction or ban on such chemicals which can severely affect/ harm the health of the farmers who use these, the farm products on which these are used and the health of the human beings who consume these farm products; and
- (c) whether the Government is considering to use a stronger medium of propagation to increase the awareness of the farmers as well as the public who use these farm products about the severe and serious ill effects of the chemicals and the pesticides on human health?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

- (a): No such survey has been conducted by the Government.
- (b): Technical review of registered pesticides is being conducted from time to time for their continued use. Based on the recommendations of such technical reviews, the Department has banned 42 pesticides and 4 formulations for use in the country. 18 pesticides were never allowed for registration due to their toxicity. In addition, 8 pesticides have been withdrawn for use in the country and 9 pesticides have been restricted for use. Further several label claims of pesticides have also been withdrawn.
- (c): The Government is implementing a scheme called 'Sub Mission on Plant Protection and Plant Quarantine', under which, inter alia, awareness on Integrated Pest Management and judicious use of pesticides is propagated through extension (farmers field Schools, Human Resource Program, field demonstration, etc.), print and electronic medium.
