# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMER'S WELFARE

# RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 1134

TO BE ANSWERED ON 16/12/2022

#### BAN ON USE OF GLYPHOSATE AND OTHER PESTICIDES

1134. SMT. JEBI MATHER HISHAM

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether government has taken steps to ban the sale, distribution and use of glyphosate and other pesticides that contain glyphosate, a herbicide used to eliminate weeds;
- (b) whether Government would institute comprehensive studies in the country about the serious health problems caused to humans and other species due to the use of pesticides and herbicides containing deadly chemicals; and
- (c) the measures taken to comply with the international Code of Conduct on Pesticide management which provides voluntary standards of conduct for all the entities engaged in or associated with the management of pesticides throughout their life-cycle, from production to disposal?

## **ANSWER**

#### MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

## (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR )

- (a): The government has not banned the sale, distribution and use of Glyphosate or any other pesticide that contain glyphosate.
- (b): The Registration Committee constituted under section (5) of the Insecticides Act, 1968 while registering the pesticides for use in the country evaluates their safety and efficacy based on the field trials conducted at State Agriculture Universities/ICAR institutes and lab studies conducted at NABL /ISO:17025/ and GLP accredited laboratories. Based on the studies, Registration Committee approves the details of doses, crops, precautionary measures, antidotes etc on Label and Leaflets. The registered pesticides if used as per Label and Leaflets do not pose any harm to human beings, animals, living organisms other than pests.
- (c): The Registration Committee is empowered to register pesticides for use in the country and takes references from various international documents including International Code of Conduct on Pesticides Management.

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