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ANSWERED ON 04/08/2023

MISUSE OF PESTICIDES

1781#. DR. SUMER SINGH SOLANKI:

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

- (a) whether Government has received reports of misuse of pesticides;
- (b) if so, details thereof; and
- (c) the efforts being made by Government to stop it?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c) : Reports related to misuse of pesticides have not been received. However, Pesticides are toxic substances and their manufacture, import, storage, sale, distribution, use, etc is regulated by the Insecticides Act, 1968 and the Insecticides Rules, 1971 made thereunder. The Registration Committee (RC) constituted under section (5) of the Insecticides Act, 1968 registers the pesticides for their use in agriculture (including fruits and vegetables) and also for non-agriculture purposes, after evaluating their safety and efficacy. RC approves the details of doses, crops, precautionary measures, antidotes etc on Label and Leaflets and use of registered pesticides as per Label and Leaflets do not pose any harm to human beings, animals, and environment and living organisms other than pests.

Further, Central and State Governments through their field agencies ensure that farmers are provided right knowledge/information about the pesticides approved by the RC and their uses as per recommended doses given in label & leaflet. Further, with the objective of educating, orienting and training of farming community about the judicious use of pesticides and use as per the prescriptions given in the label and leaflets, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare is propagating the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach through its 36 Central Integrated Pest Management Centres located in 28 States and 2 UTs by imparting training to farmers through Farmers Field Schools and HRD programs to encourage farmers for judicious use of pesticides.
