GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1681
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6TH MARCH, 2018

SALE OF PESTICIDES WITH BANNED CHEMICALS

1681. SHRI KUNDARIYA MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI:

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

(a)   whether incidents of sale of pesticides with banned chemicals and herbicide - tolerant cotton seeds have been reported from different parts of the country;

(b)   if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;

(c)   the likely impact of such pesticides and seeds on crops and human and live stock health; and

(d)   the action being taken by the Government to punish those responsible for selling such pesticides and check their sale in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री   (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) to (c):   The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare is implementing "Monitoring of Pesticide Residues at National Level" (MPRNL) scheme, under which food commodities are collected and analyzed for the presence of pesticide residues. No residues of the banned pesticides have been detected in food commodities under MPRNL Scheme. The State Government of Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Maharashtra have reported some incidence of cultivation of unapproved hybrids of Bt. Cotton.

(d):   Monitoring of quality of pesticides is a shared responsibility between the Central and State Governments. Central Government and State Governments have notified   Insecticides Inspectors to check sale of misbranded pesticides. Insecticide samples are drawn on regular basis and analyzed in State Pesticides Testing Laboratories (SPTLs) and at the two Regional Pesticides Testing Laboratories at Chandigarh and Kanpur. Action is initiated under the provisions of the Insecticides Act, 1968 against those samples which are found misbranded.

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