

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3199**  
ANSWERED ON 08<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2023

**BAN ON PESTICIDES**

3199. SHRI E. T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

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

- (a) Whether the state Government of Kerala has made a representation to the Union Government to ban the pesticides; and
- (b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard ?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री ( SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR )

(a) & (b): Government of India received a report from the Government of Kerala recommending to prohibit the distribution, sale and use of Glyphosate and its derivatives. The above report was forwarded for the consultation of Registration Committee (RC) under section 27(2) of the Insecticides Act, 1968.

Thereafter, RC constituted a sub-committee and based on the suggestions of the sub-committee, RC recommended that Glyphosate formulations may be allowed through Pest Control Operators (PCOs). Accordingly, Central Government issued a draft gazette notification vide S.O. 2268(E), dated 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 to the effect that no person shall use Glyphosate except through Pest Control Operators (PCOs).

DA&FW after receiving objections and suggestions on the draft gazette notification & in further consultation with RC issued a final Gazette Notification No. S.O. 5010 (E) dated 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 for restricting the use of Glyphosate and its derivatives through Pest Control Operators only.

The matter is now sub-judice in the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi. Further, in compliance to the orders dated 23.11.2022 and 19.07.2023 passed by the Hon'ble Court, the aforesaid Gazette notification has not been yet given effect.

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