

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 237
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10TH MAY, 2016

BAN ON GENERIC PESTICIDES

*237. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER REDDY:

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

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating on banning/phasing out some of the popular and widely used generic pesticides in the next three years, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) the salient features of the recommendations made by Dr. Anupam Verma Expert Committee in this regard;
- (c) whether the Pesticides Manufacturers and Formulators Association of India has approached the Government for review of the decision to ban these generic pesticides in the interest of the farmers, welfare; and
- (d) if so, the response of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री

(SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 237 DUE FOR REPLY ON 10TH MAY, 2016.**

(a) & (b): The Government registers pesticides after a detailed evaluation of efficacy of the product and safety to human, animal and environmental health. Technical reviews are carried out from time to time to assess the safety of pesticides.

The Government constituted an expert committee under Dr. Anupam Verma, Former Professor, Indian Agriculture Research Institute (IARI), to carry out technical review of 66 pesticides that are banned, restricted, withdrawn in one or more countries but continued to be registered in India (Annexure-I). The Expert Committee has recently submitted a report, which inter alia, recommends 13 pesticides to be banned, 27 pesticides to be reviewed in 2018 after completion of certain technical studies and 6 pesticides to be phased out by 2020. The Committee further recommended continuation of ban on 1 pesticide and did not offer any assessment of a pesticide which is currently sub judice. The Verma Committee recommended continued use of 18 pesticides. The Complete list is at Annexure-II.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. The Anupam Verma Committee Report is under consideration in the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare.

ANNEXURE-I**LIST OF PESTICIDES WHICH HAVE BEEN BANNED/ RESTRICTED/WITHDRAWN
IN ONE OR MORE COUNTRIES BUT ARE REGISTERED IN INDIA**

S.No.	Name of the Pesticide
1	Acephate
2	Alachlor
3	Aluminum Phosphide
4	Atrazine
5	Benfuracarb
6	Benomyl
7	Bifenthrin
8	Butachlor
9	Captan
10	Carbaryl
11	Carbendazim
12	Carbofuran
13	Chlorfenapyr
14	Carbosulfan
15	Chlorothalonil
16	Chlorpyrifos
17	Dazomet
18	DDT
19	Deltamethrin
20	Diazinon
21	Dichlorvos
22	Dicofol
23	Diflubenzuron
24	Dimethoate
25	Dinocap
26	Diuron
27	Endosulfan
28	Ethofenprox
29	Fenpropathrin
30	Fenarimol

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31	Fenitrothion
32	Fenthion
33	Iprodione
34	2,4-D
35	Kasugamycin
36	Linuron
37	Methomyl
38	Methoxy Ethyl Mercury Chloride
39	Methyl Parathion
40	Malathion
41	Mancozeb
42	Mepiquat Chloride
43	Metaldehyde
44	Monocrotophos
45	Oxyflurofen
46	Paraquat Dichloride
47	Pendimethalin
48	Phorate
49	Phosphomidon
50	Pretilachlor
51	Propargite
52	Propineb
53	Quinalphos
54	Sodium cyanide
55	Sulfosulfurone
56	Thiidecarb
57	Thiometon
58	Thiphanate Methyl
59	Thiram
60	Triazophos
61	Trichlorofon
62	Tridemorph
63	Trifluralin
64	Zinc Phosphide
65	Zineb
66	Ziram

Annexure-II

RECOMMENDATION OF THE EXPERT COMMITTEE WITH RESPECT TO 66 PESTICIDES.

S.No.	Category	No. of Pesticides	Name of the Pesticides
1.	I- to be continued	18	Aluminum Phosphide, Bifenthrin, Carbosulfan, Chlorfenapyr, Chlorothalonil, Dazomet, Diflubenzuron, Ethofenprox, Fenpropathrin, Iprodione, Kasugamycin, Mepiquat Chloride, Metaldehyde, Paraquat Dichloride, Pretilachlor, Propargite, Propineb and Zinc phosphide
2.	II- to be reviewed again in 2018, after completion of the recommended studies	27	Acephate, Atrazine, Benfuracarb, Butachlor, Captan, Carbendazim, Carbofuran, Chlorpyrifos, Deltamethrin, Dicofol, Dimethoate, Dinocap, Diuron, 2,4-D, Malathion, Mancozeb, Methomyl, Monocrotophos, Oxyfluorfen, Pendimethalin, Quinalphos, Sulfosulfuron, Thiodicarb, Thiophanate Methyl, Thiram, Zineb, Ziram
3.	III- to be phased out by 2020	6	Alachlor, Dichlorvos, Phorate, Phosphamidon, Triazophos, Trichlorfon
4.	IV- ban to be continued	1	Fenitrothion
5.	V – to be banned	13	Benomyl, Carbaryl, DDT, Diazinon, Fenarimol, Fenthion, Linuron, MEMC, Methyl Parathion, Sodium Cyanide, Thiometon, Tridemorph, Trifluralin
6.	VI- not reviewed as it is sub-judice	1	Endosulfan
