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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1481

ANSWERED ON 28th July, 2026

PESTICIDE MANAGEMENT BILL

1481. SHRI SELVAGANAPATHI T.M.:

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

- (a) whether pesticide manufacturers have urged the Government to bring in targeted changes in the draft Pesticides Management Bill to ensure farmers get faster access to effective crop protection technologies;
- (b) whether they have also demanded inclusion of a time bound Protection of Regulatory Data framework for new molecules and new uses;
- (c) whether the current draft does not address the policy gap contributing to this innovation lag;
- (d) whether the association has proposed a limited, timebound PRD framework of about five years from first registration, which would create a more predictable pathway for newer solutions to reach farmers faster while allowing competition through independent data generation; and
- (e) if so, the views of the Government on the above?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (e): The Pesticides Management Bill, 2026 has been drafted by Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare in alignment with current requirements as well as Jan Vishwas Act.

The draft Pesticides Management Bill was circulated to all Ministries/Departments and State/UT Governments on 30.12.2025 for comments and subsequently placed in the public domain on 07.01.2026, inviting comments from the general public and stakeholders including pesticide manufacturers and dealers/retailers. A large number of suggestions/ observations have been received from states/UTs and Ministries/Department, pesticide manufacturer associations, pesticide dealers, individual pesticide manufacturers, farmers, NGOs etc. on various aspects of pesticide management and regulation including data protection.