

RAJYA SABHA

Wednesday, the 30th July, 1980/the
8th Sravana, 1902 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the
clock, Mr. Chairman in the Chair.

FELICITATIONS TO THE INDIAN HOCKEY TEAM FOR ITS SUCCESS IN THE MOSCOW OLYMPICS

SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI (Assam):
Sir, before we take up the questions
we, on behalf of the House, should
express our congratulations to the
Indian Hockey Team for their success
in the Moscow Olympics.

SHRI PILOO MODY (Gujarat): Sir,
I second the motion moved by Mr.
Goswami.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please record that
I join the whole House in acclaiming
the Victory.

SHRI G. C. BHATTACHARYA
(Uttar Pradesh): Sir, I also join Mr.
Goswami ... (Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Unless you want
that I say that you did not join!

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Import of phosalone pesticide

*101. SHRIMATI AZIZA IMAM:†
SHRI LADLI MOHAN
NIGAM:
SHRI SWAMI DINESH
CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that phosa-
lone, an imported pesticide for control
of spotted Bolworm and Heliothis
pests on cotton crop, is allowed to be
imported on ad-hoc basis without any

†The question was actually asked on
the floor of the House by Shrimati
Aziza Imam.

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formulation capacity of M/s. Volrho
on the recommendations of his Minis-
try;

(b) whether it is also a fact that
other pesticides, which are manufac-
tured in India like Fenitrothion, Endo-
sulfan, Carbaryl, Monocrotophos, phen-
thoate, Methyl Parathion and Quinal
Phos not only control the above in-
sects on cotton crop but also control
other insects on cotton;

(c) whether it is a fact that many
formulators in India have accumulated
huge stocks of pesticide due to lack of
demand in the last year, on account of
drought; and

(d) what are the reasons for allow-
ing ad hoc import of Phosalone involv-
ing heavy foreign exchange when other
pesticides of equal efficacy are freely
available within the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V.
SWAMINATHAN): (a) M/s. Volrho
Ltd, have been licensed to manu-
facture Phosalone Technical and its
formulations. Before they start basic
manufacture, they have been allowed
to import Phosalone Technical for
market development on an ad hoc
basis. This firm has formulation capa-
city for this product.

(b) Yes, Sir. But the indigenous
availability of these pesticides is not
unlimited. In fact some of these pesti-
cides like Monocrotophos, Phenthoate
and Endosulfan are also imported to
supplement the availability from do-
mestic plants.

(c) As a result of drought last year
some insecticide manufacturers|for-
mulators are reported to have accu-
mulated inventories.

(d) No import of phosalone has
been allowed after June, 1979. The
assessed demand of phosalone for the
year 1980-81 and the firm's request for
import will be considered by an Inter-
Ministerial Committee who undoub-