

Sl.No.	Name of the Pesticide	Sl.No.	Name of the Pesticide
41.	Malathion	55.	Sodium cyanide
42.	Mancozeb	56.	Sulfosulfurone
43.	Mepiquat Chloride	57.	Thiodecarb
44.	Metalddehyde	58.	Thiometon
45.	Monocrotophos	59.	Thiphanate Methyl
46.	Oxyflurofen	60.	Thiram
47.	Paraquat Dichloride	61.	Triazophos
48.	Pendimethalin	62.	Trichlorofon
49.	Phorate	63.	Tridemorph
50.	Phosphomidon	64.	Trifluralin
51.	Pretilachlor	65.	Zinc Phosphide
52.	Propargite	66.	Zineb
53.	Propineb	67.	Ziram
54.	Quinalphos		

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Low interest rate loans to students

621. SHRIMATI VASANTHI STANLEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has considered setting up a national fund which will provide low-interest-rate loans towards payment of fees of all students admitted to colleges and universities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The proposal for establishment of National Educational Finance Corporation (NEFC) was referred to Planning Commission for their

concurrence. The Planning Commission raised doubts on the viability of a separate entity exclusively catering to education sector, since an easy way of facilitating this arrangement could be through interest subvention. Hence the proposal was not taken forward.

Empowerment of farmers

622. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government intends to empower Indian farmers with better prices, better policies and better access to finance, technology and market;
- (b) if so, how Government proposes to achieve these objectives; and
- (c) the present position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) to (c) The Government empowers the farmers through various measures such as ensuring remunerative price through Minimum Support Price (MSP) for major agricultural produce, through interest subvention to farmers, credit through Kisan Credit Card (KCC) and through bringing in reform in agricultural marketing system by requesting States/UTs to amend their Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee (APMC) Act by the Model Agricultural Produce Marketing (Development and Regulation) Act, 2003.

In addition, the Government is implementing a number of schemes to empower farmers which includes, *inter alia*, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Integrated Scheme of Oilseed, Pulses, Maize and Oilpalm (ISOPOM), Integrated Cereals Development Programme for Rice/Wheat/Coarse Cereals etc. with a view to increasing agricultural productivity and production through better technology.

Decreasing fertility of soil

†623. SHRI RAMCHANDRA PRASAD SINGH:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that fertility of 70 per cent agro land of the country has got spoiled or being spoiled;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and assessment of Government regarding decreasing quality of soil;
- (c) whether Government has conducted any study to find out the reasons of this degeneration; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.