

Application of Insecticides

*728. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether excessive application of insecticides destroys the natural growth process in plants;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such instances have been reported in the country; and

(d) if so, the remedial steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The importer and excessive application of insecticides affects natural growth process in plants by interfering in their metabolic activity. As a result, plants develop certain abnormal (phytotoxic) symptoms.

(c) In some cases, phytotoxicity due to insecticides has been noticed in plants which is often caused due to either excessive or improper application of chemicals.

(d) Safe and judicious use of insecticides as an integral component of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is advocated.

Pakistani Migrants in Gujarat and Rajasthan

*729. DR. A.K. PATEL:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of migrants from Pakistan living in Gujarat and Rajasthan, sepa-

rately, whose applications for grant of Indian citizenship are pending with the Government;

(b) the number of persons among them who have been living in India for more than five years; and

(c) the number of persons living in those States who were granted Indian citizenship during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) 47 applications from Gujarat and 26 from Rajasthan are pending with the Government for grant of Indian citizenship.

(b) Among them, 26 have been living in Gujarat and 24 in Rajasthan for more than 5 years.

(c)	Gujarat	Rajasthan
1989	100	18
1990	47	22
1991	49	5

Statutory Development Boards in Maharashtra

*730. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYA SADUL:
SHRI PANDURANG PUNDLIK FUNDKAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the discussed the issue of setting up of Statutory Boards for Vidarbha, Marathwada and Konkan with the Chief Minister of Maharashtra recently;

(b) if so, the outcome of the talks; and