

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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BAN ON PRODUCTION OF ENDOSULPHAN PESTICIDES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the use of Endosulphan pesticide has created health problems for the people in the country especially in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to ban the production of Endosulphan pesticides in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K.HANDIQUE)

(a) to (e) There were some reports of unusual health related problems in one of the cashew plantation areas (Padre village) of Kerala where aerial spray of Endosulphan was done. Government of India (Department of Agriculture and Cooperation) had constituted an Expert Committee headed by Dr.C.D.Mayee, Agriculture Commissioner As per the findings of this Committee there is no link established between use of Endosulphan and health problems reported in Padre village. After considering the various factors and available reports, the Committee recommended that use of Endosulphan be continued as per provisions of the Insecticide Act 1968. However, considering the apprehensions in the minds of the public of Kerala, the Government has put the use of Endosulphan on hold in Kerala since October 2005.