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Title: Need to regulate use and sale of pesticides in the country.

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE (BARAMATI): At least 48 farmers have lost their lives in Yavatmal district of Maharashtra after spraying mixture of multiple pesticides to control pests on the Cotton crop in the month of September, 2017. Also some 800 farmers had to be hospitalised for various ailments including temporary loss of vision, vomiting, diarrhoea, dizziness according to the report of The Indian Express. In Maharashtra, pesticides such as Monocotophos, Oxydemeton-methyl, Acephate, and Profenophos are believed to be responsible for the deaths and illness according to the Centre for Science and Environment. Thus, I would like to bring to the notice of the House the need for government intervention in regulating the use and sale of pesticides in India. Sale of banned pesticides should be disallowed and farmers need to be trained to use protective gears while spraying pesticides. I also urge the Government to provide adequate compensation to the grieving families.