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**ABSTRACT**

Agriculture – Banning of hazardous Pesticides for a period of 60 days from the date of publication in the Government Gazette – Notification - Issued.

**AGRICULTURE (AP5) DEPARTMENT**

திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2051, சார்வரி வருடம், புரட்டாசி 29-ஆம் நாள்

G.O.(Ms.).No.239

Dated: 15.10.2020

Read:

From the Director of Agriculture, Letter No. PPS1/65981/2016, dated 25.7.2019 and 22.11.2019.

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**ORDER:-**

The Director of Agriculture has taken various steps for safe use of pesticides and constituted the High Level Committee under the Chairmanship of the Director of Agriculture, Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops with officials of Agriculture, Horticulture and the Tamil Nadu Agriculture University to study the use of pesticides. As per the provision contained under sections 26 and 27, of the Insecticides Act, 1968, the High Level Committee has recommended the Government to prohibit the use of following harmful insecticides for 60 days as was done in Maharashtra and Punjab:-

- Carbofuran
- Monocrotophos,
- Acephate,
- Profenophos,
- Profenophos + Cypermethrin,
- Chlorpyrifos + Cypermethrin

2. Further, as per section 27 of Insecticide Act, 1968, (Central Act 46 of 1968) and the Insecticides Rules 1971, the State Government could not permanently ban any Pesticide. He has again informed that earlier, based on the above said Act, five Insecticides / Combinations such as Profenophos + Cypermethrin, Fipronil + Imidacloprid, Acephate, Difenthrin and Monocrotophos have been prohibited for sale, distribution or use in the State of Maharashtra due to its hazardous effect on human health / animal health and 20 pesticides listed below have been banned in Punjab from 01.02.2018 onwards (i.e) Phosphamidon, Trichlorofon, Benfuracarb, Dicofol, Methomyl, Triphanatemethyl, Endosulfan, Bifenthrin, Carbosulfan, Chloretnaphyr, Dazomet, Diflubenzuron, Fenitrothion, Metaldehyde, Kasugamycin, Ethofenprox (Etofenprox), Phorate, Triazophos, Alachlor and Monocrotophos.

3. The Director of Agriculture has further stated that in the year 2017-18, farmer deaths occurred in Tamil Nadu due to toxic nature of the pesticides namely, Carbofuran, Monocrotophos, Acephate, Profenophos, Profenophos + Cypermethrin and Chlorpyrifos +

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

From

To

The Director of Agriculture,  
Chepauk, Chennai-5.

1. Director of Horticulture and  
Plantation Crops,  
Chepauk, Chennai-5
2. ✓ The Registrar, TNAU, Coimbatore.
3. All Joint Directors of Agriculture.
4. The Tamil Nadu Small Scale  
Pesticide Manufacturers  
Association, Chennai - 17.

**Lr. No. PPS1/65981/2016, dated: 27.10.2020**

Sir,

**Sub:-** Agriculture – Banning of hazardous Pesticides for a period of 60 days from the date of publication in the Government Gazette – Notification – Issued – Regarding.

**Ref:-** Government Order G.O. (Ms) 239,  
Dated : 15.10.2020.

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Government vide reference cited have issued the notification to ban the sale, distribution or use of the following hazardous pesticides for a period of 60 days. The order comes to effect from the date of notification issued in the Government Gazette.

1. Carbofuran,
2. Monocrotophos,
3. Acephate,
4. Profenophos,
5. Profenophos + Cypermethrin,
6. Chlorpyriphos + Cypermethrin

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Encl :- As above

*b. C 27/10/2020*  
For Director of Agriculture

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*27/10/2020*

[G.O.(Ms.) No.239, Agriculture (AP5) Department, dated 15.10.2020]

APPENDIX  
NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the Governor of the State is of the opinion that it is expedient and necessary for the reason that, -

- a) few number of farm labourers and farmers have been exposed to poisoning and lost their lives after using the insecticides specified in the Schedule appended hereto;
- b) these insecticides are either extremely or highly toxic or moderately toxic but have highly toxic effect due to use for blending in an unauthorized manner;
- c) use of the insecticides specified in the Schedule appended hereto, or any batches thereof or any combinations of such insecticides is likely to involve risk to human beings or animals;
- d) the research report submitted by the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore and the High Level Committee constituted to examine the possibility of banning of Hazardous insecticides have recommended to prohibit the insecticides specified in the Schedule appended hereto for sixty days as per the provision contained in section 27 of the Insecticides Act, 1968 (Central Act 46 of 1968).

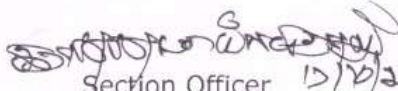
Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 27 of the Insecticides Act, 1968 (Central Act 46 of 1968), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby prohibits the sale, distribution or use of insecticide or any batches thereof, any combination thereof as specified in the Schedule appended hereto, for the period of sixty days from the date of publication of this notification pending investigation into the matter.

THE SCHEDULE.

| Sl. No. | Name of the Insecticide or Combination. |
|---------|---|
| (1)     | Carbofuran                              |
| (2)     | Monocrotophos                           |
| (3)     | Acephate                                |
| (4)     | Profenophos                             |
| (5)     | Profenophos + Cypermethrin              |
| (6)     | Chlorpyriphos + Cypermethrin            |

**Gagandeep Singh Bedi,**  
**Agricultural Production Commissioner**  
**and Principal Secretary to overnment.**

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Section Officer 15/10/2020  
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Cypermethrin. He has, therefore, requested to ban the sale, distribution or use of the hazardous pesticides for a period of sixty days from the date of notification in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette.

4. The Government after careful consideration, accept the proposal of the Director of Agriculture and as per the provision under section 27 of the Insecticides Act, 1968 (Central Act 46 of 1968) and decided to issue Notification to ban the sale, distribution or use of the hazardous pesticides for a period of 60 days from the date of publication of Notification in the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette*.

5. Accordingly, the Notification appended to this order will be published in the next issue of the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette*.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

GAGANDEEP SINGH BEDI,  
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION COMMISSIONER AND  
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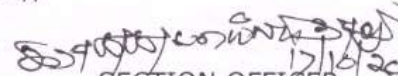
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