



## Pesticides Management Bill, 2020

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### Why in News

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**Pesticides Management Bill, 2020** has been approved by the Union Cabinet.

- **losses from the use of agrochemicals.**

**Agrochemicals** imply chemicals used in agriculture, such as a pesticide or fertilizer.

The Bill will regulate the business of pesticides and compensate farmers in case of

- **pesticide Insecticides Act 1968.** Currently, the business is regulated by rules under the

### Key Features of the Bill

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- **Pesticide Data: weakness of pesticides the risk** It will empower farmers by providing them with all the information about the strength and , and alternatives. All information will be available openly as data in digital format and in all languages.

- **Compensation: unique feature provision for compensations in case there is any loss because of the spurious or low quality of pesticides.**

If required, a central fund will be formed to take care of the compensations.

The Bill has a in the form of a

- **Organic Pesticides:** The Bill also intends to promote organic pesticides.

- **Registration of Pesticide Manufacturers:** All pesticide manufacturers have to be registered and bound by the new Act, once it is passed. The advertisements of pesticides will be regulated so there should be no confusion or no cheating by the manufacturers.

### Use of Pesticides in India

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- **among the leading producers Asia.** India is of pesticides in
- **Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Haryana** In the domestic market, are among the states with the highest recorded consumption.

- **Spurious Pesticides:**

- They harm crop, soil fertility and the environment.
- Spurious agrochemicals are responsible for the losses of not just farmers but also producers of genuine agrochemicals and the government, which loses revenue from the sales of the counterfeit versions of the real farm inputs.

### **Insecticides Act, 1968**

- It was brought into force with effect from August 1971 with a view of regulating the import, manufacture, sale, transport, distribution and use of insecticides in order to prevent risk to human beings and animals.
- **Central Insecticides Board Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare.**  
**advises the central government and state governments** The board on technical matters arising out of the administration of the act and to carry out the other functions assigned to it.  
was established under Section 4 of the Act and it works under the

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