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Read : Letter No. 13029/01/2013-PP-I dt. 20/02/2014 from Director (PP-I) GOI,
New Delhi

CIRCULAR

The copy of above referred letter received from Director (PP-I), Ministry of Agriculture, Dept. of Agri. & Cooperation, GOI, New Delhi is enclosed herewith. All the scientists associated with plant protection chemicals i.e. insecticides, fungicides, bactericides, nematocides, weedicides, plant growth regulators etc are hereby informed to download this letter from aau website and go through critically. Kindly consider the matter given in the letter while preparing the new technical programme and recommendations to the farmers. This is for your information and necessary action. All the concerned scientists have to strictly follow this circular.

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Copy to :

1. All the Concerned Scientists of AAU, Anand
2. The Director, Information Technology, AAU, Anand for uploading the circular on website.

No.13029/01/2013-PP-I
Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture
Department of Agriculture & Cooperation

244-A, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi,
Dated: the 20th February, 2014.

To
✓ Vice-Chancellors
All State Agricultural Universities

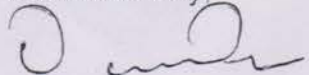
Subject: Recommendation of pesticides approved by the Central Insecticides Board and Registration Committee.

Sir/ Madam,

I would like to draw your attention to the request made by Union Agriculture Secretary to Chief Secretaries of State Governments/ Union Territories vide D.O. letter No. 13029/1/2013 dated 02-05-2013 (copy enclosed) to advise SAUs to desist making recommendations of pesticides application at variance with the approvals accorded by the Registration Committee for such usage. It would be pertinent to reiterate that such promotion of non- approved application is violation of the Insecticides Act, 1968 besides posing health risks to humans, animals and the environment.

It is, therefore, requested that package of practices devised by SAUs may kindly be reviewed at the earliest and any recommendation for pesticide application in contravention of Registration Committee approvals be withdrawn without further delay.

Yours faithfully,

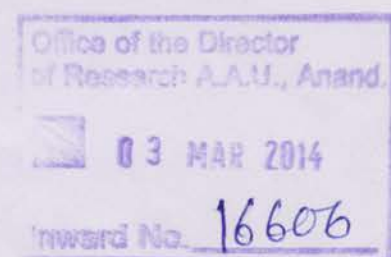
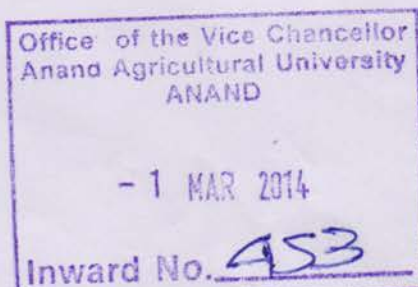


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D.O. No. 13029/01/2013-PP.I

May 2, 2013

Dear

As you are aware, the use of pesticides is regulated under the Insecticides Act, 1968 and the Rules and guidelines framed thereunder. The Act provides for the registration of pesticides by a Registration Committee only after ascertaining their safety and efficacy. Pesticides, therefore, have to be used only against the targeted pests and diseases on the specified crops as per the recommendations in the label approved by the Registration Committee so as to ensure that they do not cause any harm to humans, animals and the environment.

It has, however, come to our notice that some States have been promoting application of certain pesticides on crops for which they have not been registered. We have also come across instances of packages of practices developed by State Agriculture Universities, etc. which recommend usage of pesticides at variance with the terms of their registration. Such promotion of non-approved application of pesticides is not only a violation of the provisions of the Insecticides Act, 1968 but is also dangerous to human, animal and environmental health.

We have, from time to time, been requesting the States to review the use of pesticides recommended by State Departments of Agriculture/State Agriculture Universities in order to align them with the terms of registration by the Registration Committee. These exhortations do not seem to have had the desired effect and we are still coming across instances of promotion of non-approved use of pesticides. It is requested that the Agriculture Departments and the Agriculture University(ies) in your State be advised to desist from making recommendations in regard to the use of pesticides which run contrary to their terms of registration.

It would be highly appreciated if this Department is also apprised of the action taken in this regard.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



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(Ashish Bahuguna)

Chief Secretaries/Administrators of all States/UTs