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AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION DEPARTMENT
(AGRI-III)

PARAQUAT DICHLORIDE 24% SL HERBICIDE - PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS - PROHIBITION ON THE SALE, DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF PARAQUAT DICHLORIDE AND ITS FORMULATIONS IN THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH UNDER SECTION 27 OF THE INSECTICIDES ACT, 1968.

[G.O.Rt.No.421, Agriculture & Cooperation (Agri-III), 22nd May, 2026.]

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (1) of Section 27 read with clause (e) of Section 3 of the Insecticides Act, 1968 (Central Act 46 of 1968), the Government of Andhra Pradesh, being of the opinion that the use of Paraquat Dichloride 24% SL and its formulations is likely to involve risk to human beings and public safety, hereby prohibit the sale, distribution and use of Paraquat Dichloride 24% SL and all its formulations in the entire State of Andhra Pradesh for a period of sixty (60) days from the date of publication of this notification in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette, pending further investigation into the matter.

2. All manufacturers, distributors, dealers, retailers and users of Paraquat Dichloride 24% SL and its formulations within the State of Andhra Pradesh shall comply with the above prohibition with immediate effect.

3. The Commissioner of Agriculture, Andhra Pradesh, shall take necessary enforcement action through the district administration and all concerned enforcement authorities for effective implementation of the above prohibition.

B. RAJSEKHAR,
Ex-Officio Special Chief Secretary to Government.