

Regarding ban on Paraquat Dichloride herbicide, already banned in 70+ countries

DR. KADIYAM KAVYA (WARANGAL): Thank you, Chairperson Madam. I hail the women power for giving all the women MPs first priority to speak their word during the ?Zero Hour?.

Paraquat Dichloride is an internationally recognised and most acutely toxic herbicide used in agriculture. Even a minimum exposure of that either through ingestion, inhalation or skin contact can cause hazardous effects on human body including lung, kidney and liver failure, and finally death.

The sad thing here is that there is no antidote for this dangerous poison which is frequently used by the poor farmers. It is also causing harm to the land, water and soil. Nearly 70 countries, including China, UK and others, have banned this drug.

I would request the hon. Agriculture Minister, and Chemical and Fertilizers Minister to please ban this dangerous drug because there is no coming back, and whoever is consuming this is finally dying due to it. As the States have no power to permanently ban this drug, I would request the Central Government to make a policy and ban Paraquat Dichloride. Thank you so much.