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Directorate of Agriculture Development  
and Farmers Welfare Department  
Vikasbhavan, Thiruvananthapuram  
3.08.20

From  
The Director of Agriculture  
To  
All Principal Agricultural Officers

Sir,

Sub:- Enforcing Strict measures to prevent illegal transit and sales of banned pesticides-reg

Ref:- Press Report

The policy of the Government of Kerala is to reduce use of insecticide in a phased manner and promote organic farming. Vide ref cited, It has come to notice that the pesticides banned in the state are illegally transported and sold in the state. The ban and restriction of certain pesticides aims to safeguard the health of human beings and, especially farmers who are involved in the spraying activities with these hazardous chemicals. Consequent to this, You are hereby directed to take the following measures immediately following COVID-19 protocols and report to this office.

a) Strict surveillance should be conducted at check posts in Walayar, Velanthavalam, Meenakshipuram, Anakkotty, Govindapuram and all other border checkpoints to monitor the transportation of banned pesticides into the state and ensure strict enforcement of measures in such cases..

b) Insecticide Inspectors Should inspect the depots under their jurisdiction to prevent the sale of banned pesticides.

c) Create awareness among farmers regarding banned pesticides and encourage environmentally friendly methods for pest management.

The inspections should be carried out at the earliest and the matter should be urgently reported to this office

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

Additional Director of Agriculture(C.P)

For Director of Agriculture

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