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Hon. Shri Pawarji,

It gives me pleasure to place on record that the Wheat production this year has touched new heights in Madhya Pradesh; we are poised to take it further in the coming years to play a pivotal role in years to come. Farm sector is and shall remain the main focus of our government and we feel that Government of India help us pursue this national goal to the best of our abilities and realize the hidden potential.

Despite our best efforts and will to transform farm sector into the real time growth engine of our economy, I feel disturbed and attract your kind attention to the issue of banning the Endosulfan in our country. I am sure you must have been tackling the issue of Endosulfan after Shree Achutanandan Ji raised it with your government and registered his opposition by observing one day symbolic fasting. It matters a lot when a Chief Minister opted to go on fasting to raise the issue and I fully agree with his articulation and gesture.

The crusade against use the use of highly toxic chemicals in agriculture shall have to begin somewhere and hence it was Kerala, I extend my full support and urge upon Government of India through you sir, that it should immediately ban the use of such chemical substances that have grave consequences for the human race and the ecology around it. Madhya Pradesh has witnessed world' most dreadful disaster in 1984, when the MIC – an extremely poisonous gas was leaked from the pesticide production unit in Bhopal killing thousands and making millions sick for the rest of their life. We understand the dire consequences of such man made catastrophe.

Looking in to the recent literature, I believe Edosulfan is ban in Belize, Singapore, Tonga, Syria, Germany, the USA, the Brazilian, state Rondonia, the UK, Sweden, Netherlands and Colombia, some of the reports suggests a similar ban is imposed in Kerala. Even countries like Bangladesh, Indonesia, Cambodia, Sri Lanka and many others have listed it in most restricted pesticide; however, Endosulfan is freewheeling in most Indian states sold carelessly and used recklessly posing serious threat to human and environment.

I once again reiterate our firm commitment to raise and support such issues and repose my solidarity to such a poised cause and shall remain committed to any such movement in future also. I look forward for your response in this matter at the earliest to address this issue in its right earnest.

With warm regards,

Your's truly

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