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### **Pesticide Management Bill, 2020: A Comprehensive Regulation for Pesticide Management, Comparative Study on Insecticide Act, 1968 Vis-À-Vis Pesticide Management Bill, 2020**

#### **ABSTRACT**

Insecticide Act, 1968 and Insecticide Rules, 1971 regulate the Quality of Pesticides available in India through systematic procedures and methods. The Insecticide Inspectors draws the samples and sent to Testing Labs and based on the report obtained, the legal action will be initiated, if sample is misbranded. Stringent procedures and protocols are followed by CIB&RC in tune with the international guidelines for registration / recommendation of pesticide(s) on a crop against pest taking into consideration of chemistry, toxicity, bio-efficacy on target pest, effect on non-target organisms, pesticide dissipation and residues in raw agricultural commodities. However, in view of the concerns for environment, scope of the act, consumer rights, quality management and other issues, there was a need to revise the existing regulations of pesticides. In order to improve and strengthen the management of pesticide for helping the farming community and safe guarding the environment, the Government of India has brought a new legislation called The Pesticide Management Bill which replaces the present Insecticide Act and Insecticide Rules.