

## **Bans imposed so far:**

- **Prohibition of Pesticides Order 2020:** Keeping in view the ill effects of insecticide residues in basmati rice grains, during the kharif of 2020, Government of Punjab vide its Notification No. S.O. 26/C.A.46/1968/S.27/2020 dated 14.08.2020 prohibited the sale, stock, distribution and use of the nine pesticides viz **Acephate, Triazophos, Thiamethoxam, Carbendazim, Tricyclazole, Buprofezin, Carbofuron, Propiconazole and Thiophinate Methyl** for 60 days on Paddy Crop including Basmati.
- **Prohibition of Pesticides Order 2022:** During the year 2022-23 as well, on the basis of test reports provided by Punjab Rice Millers & Exporters Association (PRMEA) pesticides residue levels were found above the prescribed limit. In addition, there were reports of Export Inspection Agency, Delhi regarding rejection of basmati consignments. Therefore, the Department of agriculture & farmers Welfare, Pb vide its notification no. 15/2/2022- Agri-2(6)/9654 dated 12-08-2022 imposed restrictions on use of 10 pesticides viz. **Acephate, Carbendazim, Tricyclazole, Buprofezin, Propiconazole, Thiamethoxam, Chlorpyrifos, Profenofos, Isoprothiolane and Methamidophos, (See Appendix - II)** in basmati rice for a short period of 60 days. The present Committee was constituted by the State Government in the aftermath of this Notification to conduct detailed investigations into the pesticides residues issue.
- **Prohibition of Pesticides Order, 2023:** Vide notification No. S.O. 55/C.A. 46/1968/S.27/2023 Dated July 24th, 2023, The Government of Punjab prohibited the sale, distribution or use of all types of formulations of the insecticides, **Acephate, Buprofezin, Chlorpyrifos, Hexaconazole, Propiconazole, Thiamethoxam, Profenofos, Imidacloprid, Carbendazim and Tricyclazole** in the State of Punjab for a period of sixty days starting from 1st August, 2023. It is again pertinent to mention that residue threshold of these insecticides 10 pesticides viz. is fixed at 0.01ppm in pre-shipment requirements for export.