



Tea Board India
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Kolkata – 700 001

No.: DR-1(12)/PPC

Dated: 29.09.2026

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(Removal of Paraquat Dichloride from Tea Board's Plant Protection Code)

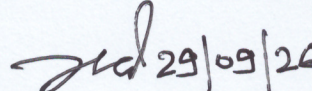
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, vide Notification No. S.O. 5234(E) dated 22.09.2026 (published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part-II, Section-3, Sub-Section (ii), No. 5027 dated 23.09.2026), has issued an Order regarding Paraquat Dichloride – (a) Prohibiting the registration of Paraquat Dichloride effective from the date of publication of the Order in the Gazette, (b) Cancelling all the Certificates of Registration granted under Section-9 of the Insecticides Act, 1968 for Paraquat Dichloride, and (c) Directing the Registration Committee to recall the Certificates of Registration and authorizing the State Governments to enforce the implementation.

In adherence to the said Order and in line with the policy of Tea Board's PPC that permits only the registered Plant Protection Formulations (PPFs) approved by the Central Insecticide Board & Registration Committee (CIBRC) with the valid Label Claims for Tea, the followings are instructed:-

1. Paraquat Dichloride (including Paraquat Dichloride 24% WSC and any other combination formulations like Paraquat Dichloride 24% + Oxyfluorfen 5% SC) stands withdrawn and excluded from the PPFs enlisted in the Version-19 of Tea Board's PPC with immediate effect.
2. All Tea Plantations, Estates, Small Tea Grower (STGs) collectives, Bought Leaf Factories (BLFs), and Self Help Groups (SHGs) are directed to cease the purchase, transportation, storage, distribution, and application of Paraquat Dichloride with immediate effect.
3. Tea growers possessing the existing stocks of Paraquat Dichloride must isolate them and follow safe/authorized disposal protocols in coordination with the authorized distributors and the State Authorities immediately.

All Tea Producers' Associations, Small Tea Growers' Associations, Tea Research Institutes and their Advisory Centers are requested to disseminate this information widely among all stakeholders for immediate compliance.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


(Mahipal Singh)
Director (Research)

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Distribution:

1. All Producer Associations/STGs Associations/BLFs Associations.
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3. Directors of Tea Research Institutes (TRA, UPASI, DTRDC).

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