



**Press Release**

## **CropLife India expresses concern over the recent deaths of farmers in Maharashtra**

**9<sup>th</sup> October 2017, New Delhi:** All Crop Protection products are registered in India after rigorous risk assessment on the safety aspects. However, its use in unsafe conditions without proper safety precautions can lead sometimes to adverse impact.

CropLife India expresses its deep concern and is profoundly sad over recent reports of the loss of lives in Maharashtra and is committed to work closely with Government and other agencies to ensure that such incidents do not occur in future.

**Mr. Brij Uberoi, CEO, CropLife India,** said “CropLife India regularly engages with farmers and other stakeholders in generating awareness and building capacity through its stewardship programs advocating safe and Judicious and need based use of Crop Protection Products, spreading awareness among farmers about spurious and Illegal Crop Protection Products, use of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) while spraying these products and safe disposal of used containers”.

He added, “CropLife India, and its members, over the past many years have been working with the various central and state departments of agriculture on raising awareness about good crop protection practices, to minimize farmers’ losses caused due to biotic stresses on crops, in a sustainable manner. CropLife India members, regularly organize farmers training programs emphasizing the need safe and judicious use of crop protection chemicals with right time, dosage, spraying equipment and use of PPE during spraying. Its members have been distributing free kits in many parts of the country to raise awareness levels.

Brij Uberoi added that CropLife India is actively looking forward to work with various State Agriculture Departments, to aid the cause of the farmers. On its own CropLife India and its members have already enhanced their campaign to address the issue in the affected parts of Maharashtra state, and looks forward to engage with the relevant stakeholders there to spread awareness on the issue. We would be working in close coordination with district and state authorities in Maharashtra to have a short and long term solution to the issue”.

CropLife India’s endeavor has been to actively pursuing Programs in various other States to raise awareness in the production of Safe Food & Responsible Use of Crop Protection Products and the same will continue, with a clear focus on improving farmers’ income and enhancing their safety.

### **About Crop Life India:**

CropLife India is an Association of Technology driven Crop Science Industry, committed to Advancing Sustainable Indian Agriculture. CropLife India promotes the benefits and responsible use of Crop Protection products, as well as sound regulatory frameworks in support of sustainable agriculture in India. CropLife India is part of CropLife International, a global

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federation of the plant science industry in over 90 countries. CropLife India believes in a strong and science-based regulatory system to protect people and the environment such that timely access to new crops, new Crop Protection Products or new uses for existing Crop Protection Products should be promoted.

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