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CropLife India welcomes Union Budget 2024-25 and acclaims the Government for Priority to Productivity & Resilient Agriculture

New Delhi, 23rd July 2024: [CropLife India](#), an association of 17 R&D driven crop science companies, and the *leading voice of the plant science industry in India*, compliments the Government of India for giving priority to productivity and resilient agriculture. The Government intends to facilitate the Digital public infrastructure in agriculture for coverage of farmers and their lands in three years, encompassing digital crop survey for Kharif in 400 districts.

Dr. K. C. Ravi, Chairman, CropLife India shared, "Inclusion of digital public infrastructure for agriculture and also Government's focus to release 109 varieties of 32 field and horticulture crops to increase the production and the productivity is welcomed. With a focus on release of new crop varieties, the Government should also promote new crop protection products to help the farmers in increasing the production and the productivity.

Dr. Ravi added, "CropLife India has always been advocating to develop a science and research based policy eco system to promote R&D and help the farming community in mitigating various challenges by the pests."

Dr. Ravi emphasized, "It is heartening to witness the inclusion of *Productivity and resilience in agriculture* as one the *Nine Priorities of Budget 2024*. Crop protection industry will like to partner with the Government for collaborative research in the agriculture sector".

CropLife India and its members have been urging the Government to **reduce the GST on agrochemicals from the current 18% to 12% and provide 200% weighted deduction on R&D expenses by agrochemical companies; both of which would have directly benefited the farmers and will increase the investment by the industry on R&D.**

About [CropLife India](#):

[CropLife India](#) is committed to advancing sustainable agriculture and it is an association of 17 R&D driven member companies in crop protection and the leading voice of the plant science industry in India. We jointly represent ~ 70% of the market and are responsible for 95% of the molecules introduced in the country. Our member companies have annual global R & D spend of 6 billion USD and are firmly committed to engaging with the farming community to enable Safe, Secure Food Supply.

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