B. Sc. III Year Pesticides

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Pesticides

- The chemical substances which are used to destroy insects, weeds and fungi which are responsible for damage of standing crops and stored food grains.
- Ex. DDT, BHC, 2,4-D, 2,4,5-T etc.

Classification of Pesticides :

- Pesticides are classified as follows :
- a) Insecticides
- b) Herbicides
- c) Rodenticides
- d) Fungicides

a) Insecticides

- These are the chemical substances which are used to kill insects are called as insecticides.
- They are again classified into following three classes.
- i) Inorganic insecticides : Lead arsenate, calcium arsenate
- ii) Natural insecticides : Nicotine, pyrethrum
- iii) Synthetic insecticides : DDT, BHC

b) Herbicides

- These are the chemical substances which are used to kill the weeds are called as herbicides.
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- Ex. 2,4-D, 2,4,5-T

c) Rodencides

- These are the chemical substances which are used to kill rats are called as rodenticides.
- Ex. Zinc phosphide, phthalium sulphate.

d) Fungicides

- These are the chemical substances which are used to destroy fungi are called as rodenticides.
- EX. Copper sulphate, copper napthenate.

Synthesis and uses

a) DDT (p,p'-dichloro diphenyl trichloro ethane)

It is prepared by condensing one mole of chloral with two moles of chlorobenzene in the presence of conc. H₂SO₄ at 30°C.



- Uses : i) It is used as insecticides to controlled insects, flies, mosquitoes, leaf hoppers and moths.
 - ii) It is widely used in agriculture as herbicides, fungicides and rodenticides

b) BHC (Benzene hexachloride/ 1,2,3,4,5,6-hexachloro cyclohexane) :

 It is prepared by chlorination of benzene in the presence of UV light.



- **Uses :** i) It is used as insecticides.
- ii) It is also used as agricultural pesticides.

c) 2,4-D (2,4-dichlorophenoxy acetic acid) :

 It is prepared by the condensation of 2,4-dichlorophenol with α-chloro acetic acid.



d) Methoxychlor (p,p'-dimethoxy diphenyl trichloro ethane)

It is prepared by condensing one mole of chloral with two moles of anisole (4-methoxy benzene) in the presence of conc. H_2SO_4 at 30°C. ocH₃



Methoxychlor

 Uses : i) It is used as insecticides for household insects and vegetable crops.
 ii) It is also used in milk industry.

e) Carbaryl

 It is prepared by the reaction of 1-napthol with methyl isocyanate gives carbaryl. Methyl isocynate is prepared by reaction of methyl amine with phosgene.



ii) It is used to control earthworm.

f) Monochrotophous :

 It is prepared by the reaction of diketene with methyl amine to form methyl acetoacetamide. Further it react with sulphuryl chloride followed by trimethyl phosphate to give Monochrotophous.



ii) It controls a pest on variety of crops like cotton, rice & sugarcaine.

