

Our Food Contaminated With Poison

Hundreds of chemicals have been allowed to be used as pesticides in our agriculture. It is reported that our food, water and soils are being contaminated with these pesticides. These toxic chemicals are a health problem for farmers as well as consumers. Health impacts include immune system impairment, neuro-toxicity, reproductive health problems, acute poisoning also leading to death, cancers, congenital defects etc.

VADODARA - It estimates by environmentalists and medical experts are to be believed, residents of Vadodara and their neighbours could well be consuming poison with every mouthful of food, thanks to vegetables grown around here which have tested high in metal content.

The reason: several export consignments from India have been rejected by other countries, due to the unacceptable high levels of toxic residues. Ever wondered what we are ending up consuming, then?

Is our meal free from poisons of pesticides?

Average Indian Meal is
Roti + Dal + Rice + Vegetables + Milk + Fruits
+ 0.150 mg. of monocrotophos
(amongst many other toxic chemicals)

This quantity of monocrotophos, though within MRL (Maximum Residue Limits) of each food commodity, is more than 400% of the acceptable daily intake!

Source: CSE analysis on unsafe MRLs

There are even studies that show that all samples tested for were contaminated with pesticide residues!

Source: Mukherjee I, Environ Mon Assess, 2003

Is this food or poison?



ICMB survey finds carcinogens in food