

*Adjournment Debate*

precautions. The bulk of the chemical in Nepal is used in one of several modern government seed treatment plants to coat wheat seed for the government's national seed program. Approximately two tons of the six to eight ton annual requirement is repackaged into small five gram packets by the manufacturer's agent in Katmandu for distribution under the government's program to individual farmers. vitavax 200 is not registered or licensed for use in Canada although it is produced here for export. This is because of the different seed, climatic and soil conditions in Canada for which other vitavax formulations are more suitable, and formulations similar to vitavax 200 are marketed here. However, my information from the department is that vitavax 200 is licensed and registered for use in the United States and exported throughout the world.

As an agricultural chemical developed and produced in Canada, vitavax has made a significant contribution to the control of cereal crop diseases and increased production.

Field trials of seed treatment chemicals were begun in Nepal in 1966, and following field testing of several variants of vitavax in 1974, Nepal procured its first requirements of

vitavax 200 in 1975 and 1976 on a commercial basis. Pleased with the good results and increased production which has been reported between 10 per cent to 20 per cent, Nepal requested the chemical from Canada in late 1977 and it was approved in early 1978. This chemical is considered vital to Nepal's seed treatment and wheat production.

The hon. member for Regina East spoke earlier about the problem we have had with the treatment of some vitavax formulations with respect to the production of certain seed variants in western Canada. I want to point out that the incident he raised earlier was in connection with a small sampling of rapeseed which had been treated with vitavax RS flowable. And yet vitavax 200 is used in Nepal for wheat.

Mr. Speaker, it seems that my time has expired. I thank you for allowing me time to make the response I have been able to give so far.

*[Translation]*

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order. The motion to adjourn the House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

At 10.30 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.

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