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The order recites that, by S.O. 3800(E) dated July 10, 2026, the Central Government published an order declaring its intention to prohibit the manufacture, import, transport, distribution, sale and use of Paraquat Dichloride. It invited objections or suggestions within thirty days from the date copies of the Gazette were made available to the public, which was July 13, 2026. The objections and suggestions received were considered. The Government acted after considering the recommendations of the Expert Committee constituted for the purpose and after consulting the Registration Committee set up under the Act. It records being satisfied that the use of Paraquat Dichloride "involves risk to human being and animals as to render it expedient or necessary to take immediate action".

The order has four paragraphs. First, there is a prohibition on the registration of Paraquat Dichloride from the date of publication of the order in the Official Gazette. Second, the certificate of registration for Paraquat Dichloride granted under section 9 of the Act "shall stand cancelled" from that date. Third, the Registration Committee shall call back the certificates of registration, and action under the Act shall be taken against anyone who fails to return one. Fourth, the State Governments shall take such steps under the Act and its rules as they deem fit to implement the order in their States.

The operative text is framed as a prohibition on registration and a cancellation of certificates. Its four paragraphs do not use the words manufacture, import, transport, distribution, sale or use, which the recitals give for the July 10, 2026 order. Its four paragraphs name no date other than the date of publication. It sets no period for existing stocks, sets no deadline for returning certificates, and does not list the holders of certificates.

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Takes effect	From the date of publication of the order in the Official Gazette; the Gazette issue is dated September 23, 2026
Insecticide	Paraquat Dichloride
Registration	Prohibited
Certificates of registration under section 9	Cancelled from the date of publication ("shall stand cancelled"); the Registration Committee calls them back
Applies to	Holders of certificates of registration for Paraquat Dichloride; State Governments implement the order
Earlier order	S.O. 3800(E), July 10, 2026, declaring the intention to prohibit manufacture, import, transport, distribution, sale and use; Gazette copies public on July 13, 2026; thirty days for objections
Signed by	Muktanand Agrawal, Joint Secretary
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