

## **Second batch of 20,000 litres of Malathion 95% ULV pesticide supplied to Iran as humanitarian assistance to fight locust threat**

A second batch of 20,000 litres of Malathion 95% ULV pesticide is being supplied by India to Iran under a Government-to-Government Locust Control Programme. The consignment reached Chabahar Port and was handed over to Plant Protection Organization, Government of Islamic Republic of Iran on 18 March 2021.

It would be recalled that India had approached Iran and Pakistan for a coordinated regional response to the threat to approaching swarms of desert locusts. It was in this context that Iran had requested the supply of pesticides. There was no response from Pakistan.

India supplied the first tranche of 20,000 litres of Malathion to Iran in June 2020. The second tranche of 20,000 litres for Iran has been handed over on 18 March 2021.

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