

Ber is a popular nutritious fruit of the arid region. Its productivity is reduced to a large extent due to damage by fruit flies.

- ▶ Ber fruit fly can result in more than 80 per cent losses.
- ▶ Maggots of these flies feed on the fruit pulp, leaving excreta and causing rotting, thus spoiling the produce and reducing its market value.



Management

Cultural

- ❖ Deep summer ploughing in orchard soil during summer and rainy season destroys the pupa in the soil.
- ❖ Incorporating soil with neem seed cake.
- ❖ Infested fruits having larvae should be collected and destroyed.
- ❖ Using resistant varieties like *Tikadi*.



Chemical

- ❖ Two sprays of quinalphos 30 EC@ 1.5 ml litre⁻¹ of water, first at pea stage of fruit growth and second spray after 15-20 days are very effective.

