

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether substitute of `Viagra` has been launched in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is harmful for certain people;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to contain the harmful effect of the drug?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

- (a) No Sir. Even the drug Sildenafil Citrate of which the brand name used by M/s Pfizer is `Viagra` has not yet been approved for marketing in the country.
- (b)&(e) Does not arise in view of `a` above.