

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2901
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2000
COMBINATION OF ANTI TB DRUG AND VITAMIN
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether combination of Anti-TB drug and vitamin has been declared health hazard;
- (b) if so, the reasons for selling it in the country;
- (c) whether any enquiry has been conducted in this regard;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the action being taken by the Government against the responsible officials?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a)&(b) The fixed dose combination of vitamins with anti TB drugs, except the combination of Isoniazide, an anti TB drug, with vitamin B-6, were banned for use in the country on grounds of irrationality with effect from 23.7.1983. Use of vitamin B-6 has been permitted in anti-TB formulations containing Isoniazid to prevent neuritis during the treatment of TB. However, this combination is not used in the National TB Control Programme.

(c)to(e) Do not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.