

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4601  
ANSWERED ON:25.04.2000  
USE OF ASBESTOS PIPES  
RAJESH VERMA

**Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned `Life?giving liquid in pipes of poison` appearing in Pioneer dated February 5, 2000;
- (b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and
- (c) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a)&(b) : Yes sir. However, the statements attributed to Industrial Toxicology Research Centre (ITRC), Lucknow have not been made by this institution.

(c): The information is being sought from the other Government Departments/Institutions dealing with the regulatory and enforcement issues connected with asbestos.