

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4372
ANSWERED ON:22.08.2001
USE OF ANIMAL RAW MATERIAL IN TEA BLENDING
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether animal raw material has been permitted to be used in tea-blending to impart flavour and taste to tea prepared with such blended tea;
- (b) if so, whether it has created problems for vegetarian tea-consumers;
- (c) whether any objections have been received from any public representatives, including organizations against use of such animal raw material for the purpose; and
- (d) if so, the Government's reaction thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) This Ministry have issued a notification vide GSR no. 770(E) dated 4-10-2000 to the effect that only natural flavours and natural flavouring substances obtained from materials of plant origin are permitted to be added in tea.