

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:260
ANSWERED ON:20.03.2002
IMPACT OF MOBILE PHONES ON HEALTH
NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA

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

- (a) whether the WHO have conducted any study on the use of mobile phones as a risk to the human brain;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it has been found that electromagnetic fields in mobile phones are causing brain cancer;
- (d) if so, whether the Government have conducted any research on the use of mobile phones causing adverse health consequences; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)to(e) A statement is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 260 FOR 20.3.2002

According to published literature of WHO and other agencies to date, there is no conclusive evidence of adverse health effects of use of mobile phones on human beings. An epidemiological case control study conducted in USA has not established the increase in risk of brain tumors from use of cell phones. The papers published in Lancet on 25th November, 2000, have reviewed studies carried out on the effect of mobile telephones. There is no clear evidence of any association of mobile phones with brain tumors and other malignancies.