

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

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NGO STUDY ON TOXIC CONTENTS IN SOFT TOYS

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

(a) whether the Government is aware of the study conducted by the Non-Governmental Organization regarding toxic contents in unbranded soft toys;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the outcome thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c): Recently, a news item appeared in the Hindustan Times on 19.9.2006 wherein a report published by an NGO Toxics Links has been quoted. This study, which reports high levels of cadmium and lead in PVC used in soft toys is required to be authenticated/validated and analyzed in the context of regulatory mechanism.