

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

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JPC ON PESTICIDE RESIDUES
Adhalrao Patil Shri Shivaji

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

- (a) whether the Government has a proposal to constitute a new experts panel to test the presence of insecticides in different brands of cold drinks including Coca Cola and Pepsi;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has refused to accept the recommendations of Joint Parliamentary Committee constituted by the previous Government on the subject; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR.ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) There is no such proposal.

(b)&(c): The Government has initiated action on the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on pesticide Residues in and Safety Standards for Soft Drinks, Fruit Juice and other Beverages.