

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

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ADULTERATED COLOURS DURING HOLI FESTIVAL
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the colours available in the market on the occasion of Holi festival are adulterated and harmful for human beings;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any study/research on the illeffects of colours on the health of people during the Holi festival; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

- (a) & (b): As per United News of India (UNI) Report, the Industrial Toxicology Research Centre (ITRC) has stated that majority colours used in Holi are made of synthetic dyes of non-food grade items. Harmful chemicals like rhodamina, malachite, methylviolet are used to prepare Holi colours.
- (c) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has not conducted any research/study on the ill effects of colours on the health of people during Holi festival.
- (d) Does not arise.