

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

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LEAD IN PAINT PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether use of lead in paints has been banned in foreign countries after the World Health Organisation (WHO) report on the possible exposure of lead in children;
- (b) if so, the levels of lead present in enamel and exterior paint manufactured and marketed in the country; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to effectively regulate or ban lead in paint products sold in India?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) & (b): Lead in paints has already banned in many of the developed countries. A recent study by an NGO Toxics Link conducted in 10 developing countries including India, Sri Lanka, and other African countries has found high level of lead (more than 600 ppm) in enamel paints in almost 65% of samples. The maximum level of lead found in India was 49,592 ppm in one of the enamel paints.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.