

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some countries have banned the use of asbestos;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the names of the States in the country which have banned the use of asbestos in the Rural Water Supply Schemes and the States which are still using asbestos for this purpose; and
- (d) the policy of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(MS. AGATHA SANGMA)

- (a) & (b): Some countries have banned the use of asbestos for certain health hazards.
- (c) & (d): Rural water supply is a State subject and powers to plan, sanction and implement water supply schemes including selection of pipe material vests with the State Governments and therefore the Department does not maintain information about usages of different materials by the States.