

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

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ILL EFFECTS OF ORNAMENTS CONTAINING LEAD

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

- (a) whether the children's ornaments contain high level of lead;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any study on the ill-effect of these ornaments;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. GANDHISELVAN)

(a) to (e): An NGO (Non-Governmental Organisation) has reported high levels of Lead in Children's Jewellery wherein 65% samples had Lead more than 90 p.p.m. (parts per million). However, no study has been conducted by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare on the ill-effects of these ornaments.