

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3302  
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BAN ON USE OF DDT  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the damage caused by the use of Dichloro Diphenyl Trichloroethane (DDT) to human and animals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to ban the use and manufacturing of DDT; and
- (d) if so, the time by which action is likely to be taken in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): The health effects of DDT on human and animals are already well established in published literature and text books. National Institute of Occupational Health (NIOH) under Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) undertook a study on the effects of DDT on Malaria Spray men in 1975 wherein some neurological effects in form of tremors were noted. However, these effects did not co-relate to the levels of DDT in the serum of these individuals. Based on these effect its use has been restricted in India.