

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of any toxics Link Report on the artificial Jewellery has found very high level of lead which when ingested could led to lead poisoning;
- (b) if so, the response of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether in the past also high level of lead contents were found in toys and paints of reputed companies;
- (d) if so, the details of such companies and the action taken against each company;
- (e) whether the Government has taken any steps for restricting the lead levels in paints, pigments and jewellery; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the time by which they are likely to come into force?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a)to(f): An NGO (Non-Government Organisation) has reported high levels of Lead in children's Jewellery and Cadmium and Lead in PVC used in soft toys. However, no study has been conducted by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare on the ill-effects of these ornaments and no action is proposed by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare at present.