

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4537  
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STEROID IN DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Food and Drug Administration of United States brought to the knowledge of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India that there is a possibility that some products containing steroids or steroid-like substances are making way into Indian markets as dietary supplements;
- (b) if so, the action taken by the Government to ban the use of such dietary supplements in the country;
- (c) whether any initiative has been taken to create awareness about the long term health problems, such dietary supplements may cause; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRVEDI)

- (a) The Food and Drug Administration of USA has cautioned against a possibility of entry of such product into India particularly through internet marketing.
- (b) No such report of entry of products in country has been received. However, an advisory has been sent to all concerned including Customs Commissioners.
- (c)& (d) The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India have issued a 'Press note cum Advisory' about products containing steroid/steroid like substances marketed as Dietary Supplement for general information.