

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

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HARMFUL ELEMENTS IN SOFT TOYS

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

- (a) whether many local and imported soft toys being sold in the country are contaminated with harmful elements which have adverse effect on health;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has assessed/conducted any study in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details and the findings thereof; and
- (e) the follow-up action taken thereon?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has constituted an Expert Committee to look into the presence of harmful elements in toys under the Chairmanship of Dr. Y.K. Gupta, Prof. of Pharmacology, AIIMS, New Delhi. Under which, a study has been initiated which is examining the presence of some heavy metals and phthalates in the plastic toys in the market.