

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3442
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GM FOODS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Genetically Modified (GM) foods are more dangerous for children than adults since children are most likely to be adversely affected by the toxins and other dietary problems;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the preventive steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

- (a) & (b): No, Madam. No case has come to the notice of Government that Genetically Modified foods are dangerous for children as well as adults.
- (c): The Government of India has put in place a very thorough and stringent regulatory system to test, monitor, evaluate and approve genetically modified crops and foods derived thereof.