

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

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FLUORIDE IN TOOTH PASTE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether excessive level of fluoride mixed in tooth pastes has harmful side effects on the health, particularly the teeth;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has fixed any limit on the level of fluoride mixed in tooth pastes in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the corrective measures taken/proposed by the government to limit the quantity of fluoride in tooth pastes at the permissible level?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b)&(c) The Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945, prescribe that fluoride content in toothpaste shall not be more than 1000 parts per million (ppm) and the content of fluoride in terms of ppm shall be mentioned on the tubes and cartons of tooth pastes.
- (d) Does not arise.