

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

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INSECTICIDES IN COLD DRINKS

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

(a) whether the Centre for Science and Environment has reported the presence of high level of caffeine, insecticides/pesticides in cold/soft/energy drinks much above the maximum prescribed limit;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken note of the false claims by the makers of these energy drinks regarding the effectiveness of their energy drinks; and

(d) if so, the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

(a) & (b) It has been reported in the press and in an article in Down to Earth magazine that Centre for Science and Environment has tested eight brands of energy drinks found that 44% of the samples contain caffeine more than 145 parts per million which is the limit prescribed for caffeine in carbonated water. No limit of caffeine has been prescribed in the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 for a proprietary food.

(c) & (d) The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India is preparing standards for caffeinated drinks and their labelling provisions.