

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1037
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DRUG RESISTANT BACTERIA IN TAP WATER
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of a recent report by international medical journal Lancet regarding presence of a drug resistant bacteria in the tap water of National Capital Territory of Delhi; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) Yes.

(b) The study in question is unsupported by any clinical or epidemiological evidence. Experts have concluded that chlorination of water make it safe for drinking purposes. Delhi Jal Board has also dispelled concerns about presence of drug resistant bacteria in drinking water.