

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

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HARMFUL EFFECTS OF GP SHEETS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the zinc plated sheet (GP) used in packaging of edible oils is considered harmful to health;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which it can cause harm;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any remedial measures in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The Zinc plated sheet (GP) (Zinc oxide) is used in packaging meat, fish, corn, peas, etc. There are no reports in literature of any harmful effect due to use of zinc plated sheet used in packaging edible oil.

The Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labelling) Regulations, 2011 also prescribe general requirements as well as specific requirements for edible oils and fats packaging which, inter-alia, require that tin container for packaging edible oils and fats shall conform to IS No.10325 or 10339.