

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3055  
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EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTIVE DRUGS/PILLS  
Paranjpe Shri Anand Prakash

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

- (a) whether abuse of the over-the counter emergency contraceptive drugs/ pills is triggering severe side effects among the women across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken/ proposed by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) to (c) The emergency contraceptive pills contain Levonorgestrel and are considered to be safe when used as recommended. The pills should, however, be used in emergency only and not as a regular means of contraception.