

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4990  
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EFFECTS OF ENDOSULFAN  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has a data regarding the number of babies that are born with congenital defects due to endosulfan poisoning in the country during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is aware of women resorting to aborting their foetuses to avoid giving birth to babies with congenital defects; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to curb the same?

**Answer**

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

- (a) to (c) There are no studies to link congenital defects with a particular etiology that includes endosulfan.
- (d) Government of Kerala has initiated relief measures for the endosulfan affected people. Similar relief measures were undertaken by the Government of Karnataka in some areas where endosulfan was aerially sprayed. No cluster/ links are available in remaining part of the country and no such adverse effects have been reported.