

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5016
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DANGEROUS BACTERIA IN MILK
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the milk from animals in many parts of the country has been found to be carrying the dangerous bacteria viz. Streptococcus, Staphylococcus and E. Coli which infect the skin, eyes and urinary tract and causes scarlet fever/ pneumonia;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to test the samples at the well equipped laboratories alongwith the names of such laboratories available in the capital for such tests; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to make the relevant rules more stringent?

Answer

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

(a): No such incident has been brought to the notice of this Ministry by the State/U.T. Governments, who are responsible for implementation of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 and Regulations made thereunder, and for taking action in case of any violation of the provisions of the Act or the Regulations.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): The microbiological parameters for milk and milk products have been laid down under Table 2 of the Food safety and Standards (Food Products- Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011. These parameters would be applicable to the manufacturing units with effect from 5.2.2012.