

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

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HEALTH PROBLEMS DUE TO USE OF PESTICIDES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of serious health problems caused by excessive use of pesticides in various parts of the country, particularly in the states like Punjab, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has undertaken any study in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details alongwith the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken/ proposed by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDOPADHYAY)

(a) to (e): Several Health problems were reported due to the aerial spraying of Endosulfan in Kasargod, Kerala, NHRC took suo moto notice of this & directed National Institute of Occupational Health,(NIOH) Ahmedabad to conduct a study. The report of this study was submitted in 2002 to NHRC. The main conclusions of the reports are at Annexure.