

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

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HARMFUL ELEMENTS IN TOYS

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of presence of harmful elements found in indigenously manufactured and imported toys in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has examined the matter;
- (d) if so, the details alongwith the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

- (a): Government is aware of the several news items and reports which stated the presence of harmful elements in toys in the country.
- (b) to (d):An Expert Committee has been constituted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to look into the presence of harmful elements in toys under the Chairpersonship of Dr. Y.K. Gupta, (Professor of Pharmacology, AIIMS. Under the guidance of this committee a study has been initiated to examine the present of some heavy metals and phthalates in the plastic toys in the market. The SOPs (Standard Operating Procedures) for all various components have been finalized and the validation exercise involving seven national laboratories have been completed.
- (e) :As per Ministry of Commerce and Industry(Directorate General of Foreign Trade), the import of toys is subject to prescribed Quality Standards and requirement of being tested by an independent lab duly accredited under International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC), mutual recognition Arrangement (MRA).