

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:444
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CANCER RISK NEAR THERMAL STATIONS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of a recent study according to which the dietary exposure to contaminated vegetables grown near thermal stations in Delhi in particular Rajghat, Badarpur and Indraprastha stations can lead to lifetime cancer risk among the consumers;
- (b) if so, the details along with the facts in this regard; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to arrest the situation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (ABU HASEM KHAN CHOUDHURY)

- (a) & (b) : Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has informed that as per a recent study published, six different vegetables grown in the vicinity of three thermal power plants and a background site in Delhi reported very high polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon and metal levels in vegetables at power plant sites in Delhi.
- (c) : Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of House.