

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:132
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IMPACT OF MOBILE PHONE ON HEALTH
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the study conducted by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and other international agencies have revealed that use of mobile phones has a direct linkage to the risk of developing brain tumors;
- (b) if so, the response of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Union Government also proposes to conduct an independent study on the linkage between mobile telephony and tumors in view of the exponentially increasing tele-density in India;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Government proposes to issue a health advisory restricting mobile uses among children;and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)to(f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 132 FOR 27TH NOVEMBER, 2009

(a)to(d): The Government is aware of an international study conducted by the WHO in 13 countries during the period 2000 to 2004, where some of the studies found a link between an increased risk of the most common type of brain tumour and heavy use of mobile phones.

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has developed a detailed proposal to examine whether the use of cell phone increases the risk of neurological disorders, reproductive dysfunctions and promote cancer as well as the specific absorption rate, power density, wave length and frequency of RFR emitted from various types of cell phones used in India.

(e)&(f): There is no proposal at present to issue a health advisory restricting mobile uses among children.