

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5275
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FISH TREATMENT FOR ASTHMA PATIENTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to various claims of curing asthma which involves the swallowing of live fish;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the medicinal value and scientific validation of such procedure of treatment; and
- (d) the measures taken/proposed by the Government to ascertain the efficacy of such treatment in the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The Indian Council of Medical Research and Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences have informed that no research has been conducted on the subject and therefore no data is available, on the issue.