

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

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BAN ON HARMFUL INJECTIONS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to ban the sale of injections which are allegedly being used to increase the size and production of fruits and vegetables in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI))

(a) & (b): No. The Government has come across media reports that a drug, namely, Oxytocin is allegedly being used to increase the size and production of fruits and vegetables by certain farmers. However, such a use of the drug has not been established. There is no proposal to ban the said drug as the drug is considered essential for human and animal use. Oxytocin injection is Schedule H drug under the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945 and is required to be sold by the chemists on the prescription of a Registered Medical/Veterinary Practitioner only.