

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
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Fish Carrying Carcinogenic Substances  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

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

- (a) whether some varieties of fish are carriers of Carcinogenic substances;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard and the extent to which human health has been affected by it; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken in this regard?

**Answer**

ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)

(a) to (c): Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT), Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Cochin has informed that no particular variety of fish is known to contain naturally occurring carcinogenic compounds. Environmental contaminants such as pesticides and persistent organic pollutants reach inland and marine waters due to agricultural run-off and different anthropogenic activities. These contaminants may bio-accumulate in fish over time.

ICAR-CIFT, Cochin have regular monitoring programmes and have found that the contaminants are within safe limits (regulatory limits).

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