

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3817

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PRODUCTION OF VEGETABLES BY CONTAMINATED WATER

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that vegetables grown in the nearby areas of Yamuna river in Delhi are becoming high toxic due to the presence of chromium, nickel and lead which causes many diseases in human being;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a): No, Madam. No such incidence has come to our notice.

(b): Analytical data of vegetables grown in the nearby areas of Yamuna river in Delhi is as follows:-

Year	Total sample analyzed	Found toxic due to the presence of Chromium, nickel and lead
2014 till 10/12/2014	26	Nil

(c): The implementation enforcement of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 primarily rests with the State/UT Governments. Random Samples of food items, including vegetables, are being drawn by the State Food Safety Officers and sent to the laboratories recognized by FSSAI for analysis. In cases where the samples are found to be not conforming to the provisions of the Act and the Rules and Regulations made thereunder, recourse can be taken to the penal provisions against the offenders as provided in the FSS Act.