

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

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STUDY ON MEDICAL COSTS  
MD ANWARUL HAQUE

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

- (a) whether the Government have studied the report made by the European Vegetarian Union on the Medical costs attributable to meat consumption;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by tehe Government to educate the masses in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SH SHANMUGAM)

- (a) & (b) Government is not aware of any such report.
- (c) Balanced Diet is emphasised in Nutrition and health Education activities. Food Based Dietary Guidelines have been formulated to create awareness among the masses.