

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:509  
ANSWERED ON:23.07.2003  
BREAST CANCER  
M. JAGANNATH

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

- (a) whether chemical compounds used in preparation of body deodorants contribute to increase the breast cancer as reported in the Times of India dated June 16, 2003 Delhi edition;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have made any study in this regard ; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (d): The scientific data available including a recent report of the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) does not suggest that chemical compounds used in preparation of body deodorants increase the risk for breast cancer. This Ministry has not carried out any study in this regard so far.