

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:329  
ANSWERED ON:13.08.2003  
PESTICIDES IN MINERAL WATER  
BIKRAM KESHARI DEO

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

(a) whether there had been a report that the bottled mineral water manufactured by reputed companies was found to be contaminated by 5 percent pesticides residues; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a)&(b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 329 FOR 13.8.2003

A report prepared by the NGO, Centre for Science and Environment, New Delhi, had stated that pesticide residues ranged from 0.0015mg/litre to 0.0522 mg/litre in packaged drinking water which were more than EU limits.

The requirements of pesticide residues in the standards of Packaged Drinking Water have been revised vide Government of India Notification GSR 554(E) dated 18.7.2003, wherein level of 0.0001 mg/lts. For individual pesticides and 0.0005 mg/lts. for total pesticides has been prescribed. These requirements shall come into force w.e.f 1.1.2004.