

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:340
ANSWERED ON:13.08.2003
ADULTERATED PEPSI AND COKE DRINK
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that drinking of Pepsi and Coke are injurious to health as they contain ascorbic acid which is generally used to clean toilets as a germicide;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the corrective measures proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 340 FOR 13.8.2003
Ascorbic acid is not listed in the list of acids.

The acids allowed to be used in soft drinks under PFA rules are citric acid, acetic acid, fumaric acid, tartaric acid, phosphoric acid, lactic acid, sorbic acid and malic acid. These acids are allowed as acidifying agents and also buffering and neutralizing agents.

These acids have been approved by Codex Alimentarius Commission for use in different food products.