

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1255
ANSWERED ON:31.07.2000
ILL EFFECT OF MOBILE TELEPHONES ON HEALTH
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the World Health Organisation has issued any guidelines on health risks connected with the use of mobile phones, locating their base stations and radio-frequency exposure;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government propose to ban the use of cell-phones in hospitals, kindergarten, schools and playground;
- (d) if so, whether the Government also propose to educate cell-phones users about its ill-effects on health;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the use of the cell-phone is likely to be banned; and
- (f) if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a)&(b): WHO's Revised Recommendation dated 28.6.2000 on use of Mobile Phone, indicate no conclusive adverse health impact on human beings as a result of use of mobile phones. WHO is, however, conducting research in ten countries through International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) to enquire whether there are any links between use of mobile phones and head & neck cancers.

(c)to(f): No such proposal for banning use of cellular phones is under consideration in Department of Telecom.