

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1537
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BAN ON WHITE ASBESTOS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many organisations have demanded for a ban on white asbestos which is causing lung cancer in the country; and
- (b) if so, the action taken / proposed to be taken to ban use of white asbestos to make environment pollution free?

Answer

MINISTER OF STASTE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

- (a) Yes, Sir. Some of the non-governmental organisations have been campaigning for total ban on asbestos in the country causing lung cancer.
- (b) As no scientific study establishing that the use of white asbestos causing lung cancer is available, it is not considered as desirable to ban the use of white asbestos.