

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3067
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USE OF HYDROGEN PEROXIDE TO PRESERVE MILK
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the use of hydrogen peroxide as a preservative in foods like milk is prohibited as it destroys vitamins and other essential ingredients;
- (b) whether many large and small milk producers and dairies co-operative in public and private sectors continue to use hydrogen peroxide to preserve milk specially for transport over long distances in tankers;
- (c) if so, whether the Government is aware that even the large milk co-operatives like Amul have been using this dangerous illegal preservative in their operations; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)to(d): The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has informed that under rule 44(1) of Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 sale of milk or a milk product containing a substance not found in milk except as provided in the rules is prohibited. Use of hydrogen peroxide to preserve milk is not permitted under the provisions of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955. No incidence of use of hydrogen peroxide to preserve milk has been brought to the notice of Government of India.