

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

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ILL EFFECTS OF TOILETRIES

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

- (a) whether common toiletries such as talcum powder, perfumes, soap, oil polish and lipstick etc. are injurious to health and they can even cause diseases like cancer;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to take steps to warn the consumers about the ill effects of these toiletries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government also proposes to ban the production and sale of these artificial inorganic toiletries; and
- (f) if so, the time by which it likely to be done?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (f) As per Schedule S of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules the items like talcum powder, perfumes, soap or polish and lipstick etc. are required to conform to Indian Standard specifications laid down by Bureau of Indian Standards. Dermatological safety of cosmetics is covered under IS 4011 of BIS Standards. Further as per IS 4707 (Part-I) and (Part-II) of BIS Standards only such ingredients which have been considered as safe for human use are allowed in preparations of cosmetics.