

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
ANTI BIOTICS IN HONEY .

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

- (a) whether a study by the Centre for Science and Environment has reported that several brands of honey being sold unauthorisedly in the market contain antibiotics;
- (b) whether foreign brands of honey being sold in India also contain anti-biotics; and
- (c) what steps the Ministry is taking to stop these widespread malpractices of selling pure natural honey with anti-biotics, hoodwinking the consumers?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

- (a) (& (b) The Centre for Science and Environment in its report on antibiotics in honey in September, 2010 as reported in the media has stated that out of 12 samples of honey analysed by them 11 samples contain antibiotics out of which 2 samples are of imported honey.
- (c) The standards of honey have been prescribed under PFA Rules, 1955, wherein antibiotics are not permitted to be added in honey. The implementation of the Prevention of Food Adulteration (PFA) Act, 1954 & Rules, 1955 is carried out by the State/ UT Governments which take action in case of any violation of the PFA Rules, 1955. Accordingly advisory has been issued to the State Governments drawing their attention to the standards of honey under PFA Rules, 1955.