

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RESEARCH**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1387
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH MARCH, 2017**

CHEMICAL IN ANTI-BACTERIAL SOAPS AND BODY WASH LIQUIDS

1387. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a chemical, Triclosan, is being added in anti-bacterial soaps and body wash liquids which harms the hormones related to human body activities, sex, thyroid etc. and leads to dryness of skin; and
- (b) if so, whether Government would immediately ban the use of the chemical Triclosan and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) & (b): The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) has informed that the standards for cosmetics are laid down from time to time by the Bureau of Indian Standards. The Indian Standard IS 4707 (Part 2): 2009 allows Triclosan to be used in cosmetic products with 0.3 percent maximum authorized concentration.

No case of Triclosan causing harmful effects on hormones related to body functions, sex and thyroid of humans have been reported to CDSCO.

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