

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2612
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2018

Effects of using toxic thermal paper

2612. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of adverse effects of using toxic thermal paper;
- (b) whether Government is aware of any study that has been conducted on the use of toxic thermal paper in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government proposes to ban use of toxic elements which have been found in thermal papers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the other steps being taken by Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a)to(e) The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has not carried out any study on assessing the adverse effects of using toxic thermal paper. A study document supported by Swedish Society for Nature Conservation has been received in the Ministry. The study has claimed presence of Bisphenol-A (BPA) in thermal papers which is reported to be coated on it. The study document has been sent to relevant organisation i.e. Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) being the nodal authority regulating quality specification of writing and printing papers.
