

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4050
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH MARCH, 2021**

MELAMINE IN DRY MILK

4050. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

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

- (a) the details of food and non-food items in which melamine material is being used in the country;
- (b) whether melamine is also being used in making protein rich dry milk;
- (c) if so, whether the use of melamine protein rich dry milk in the country has the approval of FSSAI and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether a study has also been conducted regarding harmful effects of using melamine in protein rich dry milk in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details and findings thereof along with corrective measures taken by the Government thereon?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) to (c): As informed by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), melamine is a chemical compound that has a number of non-food industrial uses, including the production of laminates, glues, dinnerware, adhesives, moulding compounds, coatings and flame retardants. Melamine has no known food uses. However, melamine and its structural analogues can contaminate foods due to widespread non-food use of melamine as mentioned.

FSSAI has specified maximum limits of melamine in foods, including infant foods and milk, to address the issue of incidental presence of melamine as a contaminant. These limits are set on the basis of a proper risk assessment and aligned with the Codex Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed (CODEX STAN 193-1995) which are considered to be referral standards globally.

(d) & (e): Indian Council of Medical Research has informed that it has not carried out any study on harmful effects of using melamine in protein rich dry milk in the country.