

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1046
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH DECEMBER, 2015**

DONKEY MILK

**1046. SHRI PONGULETI
SRINIVASA REDDY:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted/proposed to conduct any scientific study to ascertain the medicinal value and the benefits of donkey milk;
- (b) if so, the details and findings thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to promote the consumption of the said category of the milk?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)**

(a) to (c): At present there is no research project on ascertaining the medicinal value of Donkey Milk. However, the biological values of equine milk have been studied and compared with other milk of species by National Research Centre on Equine, Hissar.

The percentage value of Fat , Solid Not Fat (SNF), Protein and Lactose components value for Donkey milk is reported as 0.78 ± 0.121 , 7.6 ± 0.60 , 2.22 ± 0.025 and 4.44 ± 0.034 respectively, when compared with milk of other species .