

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 68  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2010  
ANTI-BIOTICS IN HONEY**

**68. SHRI H.K. DUA:**

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be please 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-biotic and

© what steps the Ministry is taking to stop those widespread malpractices of selling pure natural honey with anti-biotic, hoodwinking the consumer?

**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.

© 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.