

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, in consultation with Medical Council of India, has amended the Indian Medical Council (Professional conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002, on 10.12.2009. The amendment strictly prohibits the doctors from accepting gifts, travel facilities, hospitality, cash or monetary gains or any other favour from any pharmaceutical and allied health sector industry for self or family members. If the doctors/medical practitioner is found to be guilty, the appropriate Medical Council may award such punishment as deemed necessary or may direct the removal altogether or for a specified period from the register, the name of the delinquent doctor.

**Adulteration of eatables**

†1701. SHRIMATI BIMLA KASHYAP SOOD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that these days all the eatables have been found adulterated in the country;
- (b) whether harmful colours and chemicals are being used freely in pulses, fruits and vegetables, which is hazardous to the lives of crores of people of the country;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the adulterated eatables have been found in the banquet hosted by Prime Minister; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) and (b) The implementation of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 and Rules, 1955 is entrusted to the Food (Health) Authorities of the States/U.Ts. According to the information provided by the States/U.Ts. Governments, the percentage of adulteration in food articles that includes the cases involving use of non-permitted colours or other chemicals in pulses, fruits or vegetables, have declined from 8.44 percent of the samples collected in 2006 to 7.73 percent in 2008.

(c) and (d) Prime Minister's Office has informed that they have no such information.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.