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Our Products Safe, Have no Toxins: Pepsi and Coca-Cola

Coca-Cola and PepsiCo on Thursday said their soft drinks are safe, reacting to a government body report that their PET bottles have toxins.

Tests conducted by the All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health for Drugs Technical Advisory Board of the health ministry revealed that PET bottles of soft drinks from Coca-Cola and PepsiCo contained five different types of toxins, media reports said.

The report showed increased amount of leaching with the rise in room temperature. The tests were done in February-March.

Both Coca-Cola and PepsiCo said they have received no communication from the government about these tests, but added all their products confirm to official standards and are safe.

“We have received no intimation nor a copy of the cited test reports and without an understanding of the methodology used, we would be unable to comment on the reports,” a PepsiCo spokesperson said.

“Having said that, we would like to reiterate that all our products conform to food safety and standards Regulations. We would like to emphatically reiterate that our products comply with the permissible limits for heavy metals as laid down by these regulations.”

A Coca-Cola spokesperson said, “We would like to reiterate that all our products, including those referred in this report, are absolutely safe and well

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within the safety norms prescribed, including those for heavy metals, by the Indian regulatory bodies. The PET packaging is safely used across the world in similar and more extreme weather conditions without any food safety issue. We will be able to comment in details once we receive the said report.”