

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

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DEPO PRABHERA

DALPAT SINGH PARASTE;MAHBOOB ZAHEDI;MUDRAGADA PADMANABHAM

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

(a) whether a Multinational Organisation of USA is contemplating to introduce `DEPO PRABHERA` a birth control injection in India and the Union Government are planning to enlist this injection in their Family Planning Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this injection is reported to have serious side effects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) `DEPO PROVERA` a brand of Medroxy Progesterone Acetate (150 mg) injectable contraceptive for women is being marketed in India by M/s Pharmacia & Upjohn India Private Limited since 1994. The Government of India has no immediate plans to include this injection in the National Family Welfare Programme.

(b) & (d) The side effects of `DEPO PROVRA` include menstrual irregularities which consist of amenorrhoea, prolonged bleeding and irregular bleeding pattern. Other side effects are headache, dizziness, abdominal discomfort, ache, rashes, pruritis etc. Some women experience weight gain.