

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

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

- (a) whether better quality of artificial joints are not being manufactured in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a large quantities of such joints are still imported from abroad; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to improve the quality of artificial joints as to reduce the expenditure on their imports?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a)&(b): Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) a Public Sector Undertaking under the aegis of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment manufactures, inter-alia, high quality of Orthotic Joints (Ankle Joints, Knee Joints and Hip Joints) in the country conforming to international standards to sent each type of disability.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.