

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2344  
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QUALITY MANUFACTURING OF ARTIFICIAL JOINTS  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT 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 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 so as to reduce the expenditure on their imports?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN)

(a) to (d) Aids and appliances for persons with disabilities including joints are being manufactured by Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO), a Corporation under Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment. The Corporation is manufacturing 1,25,000 joints every year, in house, from stainless steel materials that are of international quality. However, some import of joints takes place as per requirement of individuals. 5756 artificial joints were imported during 2001-02 as per the report of Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, 'Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India' (Annual Number for 2001-02).