

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:17
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2000
PURCHASE OF MICROSCOPES AT HIGHER PRICES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Director General of Health Services purchased microscopes at much higher rates than offered by way of tender during 1995;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefore alongwith the total amount involved therein;
- (c) whether the Government have made any enquiry in this matter;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether a lot of irregularities are going on in the purchases without any check and fixing any responsibility;
- (f) if so, the action taken against the members of the purchase committee; and (g) if not, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to curb such irregularities?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

- (a) to (d): DGHS purchased 160 binocular microscopes for TB Division in 1996 from the lowest responsive bidder.No inquiry was conducted in this matter. However, there was a complaint with reference to the purchase of 1015 microscopes made through HSCC for the National Malaria Eradication Programme in 1995-96.The matter was examined in consultation with the Central Vigilance Commission who found that procedures were followed for calling and obtaining the tenders and accepting bid was as per Rules.They also stated that there was no case regarding procurement of the microscopes at unreasonable rates.
- (e) No, Sir.
- (f) Does not arise.
- (g) It is being ensured that proper procedures are followed in purchase.