

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:350  
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FERTILITY CHECK  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government are aware of a new device to check the fertility period of a women as reported in the Times of India dated June 22, 2003;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether manufacturing of this device has been allowed in the country;
- (d) If so, whether any test of this technique has been conducted in the country; and
- (e) If so, the manner in which it is likely to be proved useful in the country?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Yes. Sir.
- (b) The device `Ovulite` is being marketed in USA and Canada. It is a miniature microscope through which one can observe a sample of dried saliva as crystalline structures appearing as `fern-like` patterns that helps the user to monitor her fertile period in the menstrual cycle on a daily basis.
- (c) Office of the Drugs Controller General of India has not received any application for marketing of this type of device
- (d) There is no published report in the scientific journals of India on the test of this technique.
- (e) Does not arise.