

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MEDICAL INSTRUMENT
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether medical electronic instruments are being manufactured in the Country;
- (b) if so, whether such instruments are manufactured with indigenous techniques;
- (c) the percentage of indigenous and imported instruments being supplied in medical field of the country; and
- (d) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to ensure marketing of electronic instruments as per the standards of medical field?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES(KAPIL SIBAL)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The medical electronic instruments are being manufactured in India using indigenous as well as imported technologies.
- (c) According to a recent Ernst & Young study on healthcare, around 30% of the medical instruments supplied in the medical field in the country are manufactured indigenously and the balance 70% are imported.
- (d) The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has been developing and maintaining standards for various medical instruments in the country. As regards medical instruments in the field of nuclear medicine, the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) certifies that the instruments meet the internationally acceptable radiation safety norms. These standards as well as international standards such as FDA/CE etc. are being followed for medical instrument sales in the country.