

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

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APPLIANCES FOR DISABLED
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether aids and appliances for persons with disabilities including joints are being manufactured by Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO);
- (b) if so, the details of aids and appliances manufactured by ALIMCO during the last three years;
- (c) whether better quality of artificial joints are not being currently manufactured by ALIMCO and have to be imported from abroad;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to manufacture and improve the quality of artificial joints by ALIMCO so as to reduce the expenditure on their imports?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT(D. NAPOLEON)

- (a) Yes,Sir.
- (b) A statement indicating the details of aids and appliances manufactured during the last three years is at Annexure.
- (c) to (e) ALIMCO manufactures good quality artificial joints and hence these are not required to be imported from abroad. ALIMCO has been granted ISO 9001:2000 License and also granted License by Bureau of Indian Standard to use IS-Mark on majority of its products including artificial joints.ALIMCO is also giving adequate emphasis on R& D activities to improve the quality of existing products and to develop new good quality items of rehabilitation aids.