

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

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I PILL EFFECTS ON WOMEN  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the consumption of I-pill is cause effects on the body of women;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has conducted any test of the said pill; and
- (c) if so, the details of the outcome of the test?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) I-pill is Emergency Contraceptive (EC) pill containing the hormone Levonorgestrel. Consumption of Emergency contraceptive pill prevents a possible pregnancy if taken within 72 hours of unprotected sexual act. EC acts usually by inhibition or delay of ovulation and may also inhibit implantation. These actions depend when the unprotected act took place during the women's menstrual cycle.

(b) & (c) the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) in 2001 initiated a Pilot study on Emergency contraception with Cu T 200B and oral 0.75 mg Levonorgestrel-LNG (2 doses) through eight Human Reproduction Research Centers (HRRCs) of ICMR located in Medical Colleges/hospitals in India on women who came to the hospital/clinic seeking emergency contraception.

Majority (69.2%) of the LNG pill uses did not have any complaints after use of the EC pill. Of the Remaining women who had complaints, the reasons were nausea, dizziness, abdominal pain, headache in 10% to 14% women.