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AIDS AND APPLIANCES FOR DISABLED

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

(a) whether good quality of artificial joints are not being currently manufactured by Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India(ALIMCO) and have to be imported from abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

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

(a) &(b) ALIMCO manufactures good quality artificial joints, and hence, these are not required to be imported from abroad. On the contrary, ALIMCO every year exports Prosthetic & Orthotic devices including artificial joints to many countries abroad. ALIMCO has been granted ISO 9001-2000 Licence and also granted Licence for use of IS-Mark on majority of its products including artificial joints.

(c) ALIMCO is giving emphasis on Research and Development activities to improve the quality of existing products and to develop new good quality items of rehabilitation aids.