

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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USE OF IUCDS FOR FAMILY PLANNING
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to encourage the use of Intrauterine Contraceptive Devices (IUCDs) for family planning to mitigate the health related risks associated with such programmes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to move beyond family planning and reproductive health to adopt a holistic perspective on the women's health; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIDINESH TRVEDI)

- (a) & (b) To encourage the use of Intrauterine Contraceptive Devices (IUCDs) for family planning for mitigating the health related risks associated with such programmes, Government of India has:
- (i) For promoting the use of spacing method in family planning, introduced Copper T 380A with an effectiveness period of 10 years in 2002
 - (ii) In 2006 under repositioning IUCD strategy, launched "Alternative Training Methodology in IUCD" and
 - (iii) To promote IUCD, has adopted diverse strategies including advocacy of IUCD at various levels: community mobilization for IUCD; capacity building of public health system staff and intensive IEC activities.
- (c) & (d) Family Planning and focus on reproductive health are the components of Government of India's broader perspective of providing accessible, affordable and quality health care, especially to the vulnerable sections of society including women.