

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

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SUPPLY OF CONDOMS

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is procuring condoms from public sector companies under social sector obligations for free supply at various health centres across the country;
- (b) if so, whether Government has fixed any limit to procure condoms from public sector companies;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the expenditure involved therein during each of the last three years and current year, State/UT and company-wise; and
- (d) the other steps taken by the Government for regular supply of condoms for population control and also prevention of various sexually contracted diseases including HIV/AIDs in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) to (c): Yes, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is procuring condoms for free supply from M/s HLL Lifecare Ltd. which is a public sector undertaking of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Procurement of condoms from HLL Lifecare Ltd. is done to the extent of 75% of their installed capacity or average of their supplies in last two years , whichever is lower.

The details of the procurement along with the expenditure involved therein during each of the last three years and the current year are furnished at Annexure-I. The State/UT wise position in respect of the Department of Health & Family Welfare & the Department of Aids Control are enclosed separately as Annexure-II(A) and II(B) respectively.

(d):In addition to the free supply of condoms at the public health care facilities, this Ministry also provides condoms at highly subsidized rates through various Social Marketing Organizations for population control and prevention of various sexually contracted diseases including HIV/AIDs.

Further a new initiative has been launched recently to utilize the services of ASHAs to deliver contraceptives including condoms at the doorstep of beneficiaries.