

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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PURCHASE OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether certification from United States Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) and European Certification are mandatory for purchase of medical equipment for military hospitals in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Bureau of Standard and the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board norms do not conform to the International standards and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to strengthen its standards and save equipment manufactured indigenously from being sent to the US / Europe and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor along with the number of indigenous medical equipment manufacturing companies, equipments of which have been procured so far during the last three years, year-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Bureau of Indian Standards has not prescribed specifications for high end sophisticated critical care medical equipment. However, all items that require mandatory BIS specifications are procured as per those specifications. Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) specifications cover only the radiation safety aspect of X-Ray equipment and other radiation emitting equipment. All the equipment in which AERB specifications are required to be followed are installed in Armed Forces Medical Service hospitals with AERB certification.

(d) A panel has been formed by Bureau of Indian Standards to compare the international standards in respect of diagnostic medical X-Ray equipment and explore the possibility of aligning them with International Electrotechnical Commission standards in the context of Indian conditions.

(e) Number of medical equipment purchased from indigenous medical equipment manufacturing companies for various Armed Forces Medical Hospitals during the last three years is indicated below:-

Year Number of  
equipment  
procured/  
supply  
orders  
placed

2012-13 38  
2013-14 31  
2014-15 31