

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF ARTIFICIAL LIMBS IN INDIA
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether most of the modern electronic artificial limbs are not manufactured in India and are imported from Germany and England;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether these electronic limbs are quite helpful for the visually impaired and disabled in enhancing efficiency and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any joint venture has been signed between an MNC and ALIMCO, Kanpur for production of such limbs; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to provide such limbs at affordable rates in the country?

Answer

Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment (SHRI KRISHAN PAL GURJAR)

- (a) & (b): Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) Kanpur, a Central Public Sector Undertaking under this Ministry and engaged in manufacturing and distributing various types of assistive devices for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) is not manufacturing electronic artificial limbs in its factory at Kanpur and other Auxiliary Production Units at present.
- (c): Government is not aware of any study undertaken in this regard to assess their impact for enhancing efficiency.
- (d) & (e): On 03.12.2014, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Non-Disclosure Agreement have been signed between ALIMCO and Ottobock of Germany. The MOU will lead to Transfer of Technology by Ottobock after technical evaluation/feasibility to ALIMCO in the field of Lower Extremity Prosthetics, when the technology is transferred to ALIMCO, in the field of Lower Extremity Prosthetics, better Prosthetics will be made available at affordable prices.