

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

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

- (a) whether laproscopes have been playing a very useful role in the safe sterilisation of lakhs of women all over the country;
- (b) if so, the measures taken or proposed to be taken to ensure that the only best laproscopes are used in the Family Welfare Programme; and
- (c) the names of the established manufacturers whose laproscopes are being used in the Indian Family Welfare Programme and the quantities supplied by each of the three main manufacturers since 1991?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For nearly two decades, only two brands of laparoscopes were procured under the National Family Welfare Programme. With a view to ensure that only the best laparoscopes are used in the National Family Welfare Programme, recently Government has prescribed standards and specifications, in consultation with the experts in respect of laparoscopes. Future procurement of laparoscopes will be confined to those brands that meet the prescribed standards and specifications.

(c) Only two brands of laparoscopes i.e. Karl Storz from Germany and `CIRCON` from USA were purchased till 1999-2000. Total supplies made by these two manufacturers is :

1990-91	M/s Karl Storz, Germany	: 75
	UNDP	: 306
1991-92	-	-
1992-93	M/s Cabot Medical Corpn., USA `Circon`	90
	M/s Karl Storz, Germany	90
1993-94	-	-
1994-95	-	-
1995-96	M/s Karl Storz	400
1996-97		
1997-98	M/s Circon Corpn, USA	100
1998-99	M/s Circon, USA	50
	M/s Karl Storz, Germany	50
1999-2000	M/s Karl Storz, Germany	450
	M/s Circon Corpn., USA	250