

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1291  
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MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT  
AMAR ROY PRADHAN

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

(a) whether she is aware that her Ministry has issued an Office Memorandum No. S-12020/4/97-CGHS(P) dated 1.9.1999 regarding delegation of Powers under CGHS relating to referral system permission cases and ex-post-facto approvals etc., whereby the Head of Ministry/Departments/ Offices were authorised to accord sanction in respect of serving employees upto the tune of Rs.2 lakhs; and

(b) if so, the details of reasons due to which the applications received for artificial limbs below the prescribed limit were dealt with in CGHS and some of these cases were rejected by CGHS instead of returning them to the office concerned to which the applicant belonged?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The OM dated 1/9/99 pertains to general delegation whereas for purposes of artificial appliances reimbursable under CGHS O.M. No. S.11011/5/95-CGHS(P) dated 25/6/1997 stipulates that - in case of artificial appliances (including artificial limb), if the Government Rehabilitation Specialist/Orthopaedic Surgeon (not below the level of consultant) advises an item, not included in the list of approved appliances, the permission in such cases is granted as under:-

- i) For items costing below Rs.2,000/- the same can be purchased without any quotation.
- ii) For items costing above Rs.2,000/-, prior permission from the Additional Director of concerned CGHS city is to be obtained.
- iii) Requests for new and expensive items can be considered by the Govt. on case to case basis.

In one case request for permission to purchase Hydraulic Polyclinic Titanium - Knee Joint with Dynamic Plus Foot has been considered by an expert Committee, but the same was rejected as alternative prosthesis such as Jaipur Foot Prosthesis and Modular Prosthesis by ALIMCO which provide nearly similar functional restoration are available in the Indian market at much lesser cost and are maintenance free.