

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2219  
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PURCHASE OF COPPER T  
RAMESHWAR DUDI

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

- (a) whether last year Copper T 380A was purchased by the Department of Family Welfare for the first time for the National Family Welfare Programme at a high rate of Rs. 28.15 per set;
- (b) if so, whether the department had verified the prevailing prices in the international markets and those being quoted by the Indian firms in the international markets for the items as per standard purchase norms before placing the orders;
- (c) whether the Hindustan Latex Limited has also been quoting prices in the range of Rs. 15.20 internationally and has quoted Rs. 13.17 per set in the current year;
- (d) if so, the reasons for it quoting to the department at substantially higher price of Rs. 31.25 last year; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Department to recover the excess prices charged by these suppliers last year and to ensure that fair and transparent purchase policies are laid and publicized to ensure genuine competition amongst the suppliers?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): Yes Sir. During 2002-03, Copper-T 380A was purchased for the first time under the National Family Welfare Programme at a price of Rs.28.15 per piece of Cu-T 380A. It has been ascertained that the international price of this item was \$0.52 to \$0.65 per piece, which is comparable.
- (c), (d) & (e): The procurement of Copper-T is done through open tender so as to maintain healthy and genuine competition among the manufacturers. All the manufacturers including Public Sector Undertakings are free to participate. As such the procedure adopted for the procurement of Copper-T is fully transparent and one in which all eligible manufactures can participate. All bidders including the Hindustan Latex Limited, have quoted lower rates in this year's tender. The variation in the rates quoted by the manufacturers seems to be a result of increased competition.