

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

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

- (a) whether most of the women in the country lack knowledge about contraceptive methods;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the efforts made by the Government to bring awareness among women about the use of contraceptive methods?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. As per the National Family Health Survey 1992-93, 96% of currently married women are aware of at least one method of contraceptive, 95% of women know about sterilisation and 58 to 66% women know about temporary methods.

(c): There is regular system of counseling by the health functionaries at the grass root level. Besides, a countrywide system of Information, Education & Communication (IEC) is being followed through the electronic media, print media, through NGO's and through Mahila Swasthya Sangh, Nehru Yuvak Kendra, Zilla Saksharatha Samities, etc. In addition, Song & Drama division and Field publicity units of Ministry of Information & Broadcasting are extensively used for IEC purpose.