

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

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

- (a) whether Indian Scientists have developed world's first herbal contraceptive pills;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to patent and popularize the same?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The Central Council for Research in Ayurveda & Siddha, an autonomous organization under the Department of AYUSH is developing herbo- mineral female Oral contraceptive drug `Pippalyadi Yog`. The drug is under clinical trial.
- (b) After the formulation has been found effective in intra mural research of the Council, the project has been taken up by the Department of Family Welfare, Government of India to further access the efficacy. The Phase-I Clinical trial was conducted at AIIMS- New Delhi, JIPMER-Pondicherry, KEM Hospital-Mumbai and PGI-Chandigarh, after due approval from Drug Controller General India and the medicine is found to be safe. Now the Phase-II clinical trial will be initiated in the above said institutes. The NIPER Mohali will supply the capsules after ensuring quality and will simultaneously carry out the shelf-life studies and estrogen assay.
- (c) Government is vigilant to protect the patent rights of this drug.