

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2194
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2005
SIDE EFFECTS OF BIRTH CONTROL PATCH
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that women who are using Birth-Control Patch are exposed to serious side effects as reported in The Hindustan Times dated November 12, 2005;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard ; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to create awareness in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

- (a) Yes Sir, the Government is aware of a news item published in the Hindustan Times of 12th November, 2005, regarding the side effects of a Contraceptive patch Ortho Evra.
- (b) As per the information available from the US Food & Drug Agency USFDA site collected through the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), New Delhi, the recent evidence suggests that this product exposes women to higher levels of Estrogen than most birth Control Pills.
- (c) Ortho Evra Contraceptive Patch is not being used in the Family Welfare Programme of the Government of India.