

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

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PREVALENCE OF ARTHRITIS DISEASE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government is aware that more than 150 million people in the country are suffering from Arthritis disease;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any modern facility available in India for knee replacement;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the location thereof; and
- (e) if not, the steps taken/being taken in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a)&(b): Indian Council of Medical Research has estimated that about 74 million of people are suffering from Arthritis disease.
- (c)to(e): Knee replacement surgeries are being conducted in most of the tertiary level health facilities in the county. Thousands of knee replacements are done in India every year. At All India Institute of medical Science alone, 300-350 knee replacements are done every year in the most modern operation theatre environment using the latest state of art implants and the techniques.