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DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.287
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2024

**MODERNIZING ARTIFICIAL LIMB MANUFACTURING CORPORATION OF INDIA
(ALIMCO)**

287 Smt. Sagarika Ghose:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to modernize ALIMCO (Artificial Limb Manufacturing Corporation of India);

(b) the accessibility, availability and affordability of these products developed by ALIMCO for general public especially in rural sectors; and

(c) whether ALIMCO has developed any new products or prototypes to help the PwD and the elderly?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI B. L. VERMA)

(a) Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) is a Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under the administrative control of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. ALIMCO has undergone extensive modernization to further enhance its production efficiency and product quality such as use of state-of-the-art machinery like Computerized Numerical Control Machine robotic welding, laser cutting, semi-automated assembly plants, automated surface treatments like anodizing, powder coating for durability, efficient retrieval set up for safe upkeep of input raw materials and proper inventory management.

(b) ALIMCO plays a major role in implementing the Scheme of Assistance to Persons with Disabilities for Purchase/Fitting of aids and appliances (ADIP Scheme) and Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY) schemes ensuring free-of-cost assistive devices for Divyangjan and senior citizens across the country including rural areas by organizing assessment and distribution camps. To further enhance its outreach, the Department has established 66 walk-in centres called Pradhan Mantri Divyasha Kendras (PMDKs) through which ALIMCO provides aids and assistive appliances to beneficiaries. Moreover, with its state-of-the-art manufacturing

technologies and regional centres, ALIMCO prioritizes accessibility and affordability, ensuring high-quality assistive devices to empower Divyangjan and senior citizens across all regions.

(c) ALIMCO has developed many new products or prototypes recently such as –

- i. Sugamaya Cane and Interline Braille Slate for visually impaired individuals.
- ii. Walking Stick with Seat, Swan Neck Walking Stick, and Folding Joystick Wheelchair for improved mobility and convenience.
- iii. Advanced mobility aids such as Motorized Tricycle with Lithium- ion Battery, and Joystick Wheelchair ‘Divyasha’.
- iv. Newly developed durable wheelchairs, including the Wheelchair Folding Size Medium, Sports Wheelchair Junior, and the specially designed Wheelchair ‘Mitra’.
- v. Visually Impaired Kits, Cane for Visually Impaired (Size II and III for improved accessibility for visually impaired individuals).
- vi. Prosthetic Kits and Programmable behind-the-ear (BTE) hearing aid to meet specialized needs
