

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1096
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST JULY, 2017**

INJECTABLE CONTRACEPTIVES

**1096. SHRI SUMAN BALKA:
SHRI HARISH MEENA:**

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

(a) whether the Government has plans to introduce injectable contraceptives in the National Family Planning Programme (NFPP), to expand the basket of choices available to women and if so, the details thereof; various other health groups have cautioned the Government against introducing injectable contraceptives in the public health system and adverse effects of Depot Medroxyprogesterone Acetate (DMPA) on women's health and if so the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government provide guidelines on the utilization of injectable contraceptive and provision to mention its side effects on the packaging;

(d) whether Government is aware of the fact that studies from Africa have shown that the risk of HIV infection may increase for women who have been administered injectable contraceptives and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government plans to promote vasectomy, due to these side effects, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereon; and

(f) whether the reasons for client dissatisfaction, discontinuation or low acceptance of contraceptive methods has been monitored along with regular feedback mechanism for the services offered under family planning service delivery at facility level, if so the details thereof, State-wise particularly in Rajasthan?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a): Yes, the Government has already introduced Injectable contraceptives in the National Family Planning Programme to expand the basket of choices available to women.

It has been decided to introduce it in a phased manner starting from Medical Colleges, District Hospitals followed by Sub district facilities.

(b) & (c): Yes, caution was raised for probable side effects associated with injectable contraceptives. However the ministry constituted a high powered technical resource group comprising leading gynaecologists in the country including Heads of departments of Gynecology of prominent medical colleges of India, which unanimously opined that there are no serious risks associated with injectable contraceptive and it is a suitable and feasible method for introduction in the FP program. Subsequently the Drug Technical Advisory Board of the DCGI also recommended its introduction and DCGI gave a formal approval for introducing it in the public health system.

The technical guidelines have been developed and widely disseminated. The product insert in the packaging also mentions the probable side effects.

(d): No.

(e): Family planning program offers basket of contraceptive choices and focuses on volunteerism. All the available choices including vasectomy are promoted under the National Family Planning Program.

(f): Monitoring of the Family Planning programme is regularly done through supporting supervision visits, common review missions, HMIS, physical reports and analysis of survey data.

Moreover the assessment of client satisfaction is carried out by State and district Quality assurance committees.