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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

LOK SABHA

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**MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO AFGHANISTAN**

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

(a) whether Indian orthopedic surgeons have been sent by the Government to Afghanistan for organizing camp to fit artificial limbs, 'Jaipur Foot' to the persons maimed in war;

(b) if so, the period these surgeons are likely to stay there; and

(c) the other details in this regard?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)**

(a)-(c) A team of doctors and technicians had gone to Kabul, Afghanistan on 30th December, 2001 to run a camp for fixing artificial limbs, Jaipur foot, on Afghan amputees. The team successfully completed its task and fixed 1000 artificial limbs in a period of about one-month and returned to India on 9th February 2002.