

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3414
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ANTI-SNAKE VENOM
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that production of anti snake venom has been stopped;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to purchase anti snake venom from abroad; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c) As per the directions of Committee for the Purpose of Control & Supervision of Experiments on Animals (CPCSEA), the production of Anti-Snake Venom has been stopped from equines of more than 21 years of age. This has resulted in reduction/stoppage of production in institutes where age of equine is above 21. The matter has been taken up with the Ministry of Environment & Forests for relaxing this condition. There is no proposal to purchase Anti-Snake Venom Serum from abroad, at this stage.