

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

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VACCINE FOR DOG BITE
DUKHA BHAGAT

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

- (a) whether any vaccine has been developed for the treatment of dog-bite which is better than previous drugs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to provide this vaccine to the poor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) to (c): At present different Cell Culture Rabies vaccines are available for the treatment of dog-bite. These are better than previous conventional vaccines. Nervous tissue vaccine is being manufactured in the country by various Government Institutions. This vaccine is available free of cost in Government anti rabies treatment centres. Purified and improved vaccine of tissue culture origin viz. Purified Chick Embryo Cell (PCEC), Purified Vero Cell Rabies Vaccine (PVRV) and Human Diploid Cell Vaccine (HDCV) are not manufactured by any of the Government Institutions presently but are commercially available. The Human Biological Institute, Udhagamandalam, under the control of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) has developed a new Anti-rabies (Tissue Culture) Vaccine under trade name ABHAYRAB. NDDB is setting up 1000 vaccination clinics all over the country which will provide ABHAYRAB vaccine at a cost which is about 30% less than the case of presently available vaccines.