

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3197
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SUPPLY OF VACCINE AGAINST ENCEPHALITIS
VUKKALA RAJESWARAMMA

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

- (a) whether the United Nations International Children Emergency Fund (UNICEF) has expressed its inability to supply vaccine against Japanese Encephalitis;
- (b) if so, whether in Andhra Pradesh a large number of villages have been identified as high risk areas for Japanese Encephalitis;
- (c) if so, whether the State Government has sought any help in this regard from the Union Government; and
- (d) if so, the response of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) & (b) As per information received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh, UNICEF supplied 8,05,410 doses of Japanese Encephalitis (JE) vaccine to the State in 2001. However, in the year 2002 against the states' request for one million doses of JE vaccine, UNICEF was unable to make any supplies due to acute global shortage of vaccine. The State Govt., therefore, procured 8.9 lakhs of the vaccine from Vietnam. Around 1008 villages (habitations) have been identified in the State as high risk for JE.

(c) & (d) On request from the State Govt. 1.10 lakhs doses of JE vaccine in 2002 and 2 lakhs doses in 2003 were supplied by Central Research Institute (CRI), Kasauli to Govt. of Andhra Pradesh. However, for further supply of additional 2 lakhs doses, the Govt of Andhra Pradesh has asked CRI, Kasauli to defer this consignment till further orders. Besides this, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has been provided assistance in the form of technical guidelines and materials like larvicides, insecticides etc. Expert teams have also been sent for field visits.