

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

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

- (a) whether the untested Chinese J.E. Vaccine is being used in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether some children have died or developed serious reaction as a result thereof;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to check administration of the said vaccine;
- (f) whether WHO has approved this vaccine; and
- (g) if not, the reasons for use of the vaccine in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d) No, Sir. This year Japanese Encephalitis (JE) vaccination has been carried out in 11 districts in Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Karnataka & Assam. In all 93,08,698 children between 1-15 years of age have been vaccinated.

A total of 504 cases of adverse events which include minor as well as 65 serious reaction were reported after JE vaccination. Out of these 65cases of serious reactions 22 were deaths. On preliminary investigation it was found that these adverse events including the deaths were not related to JE vaccine. 16 Cerebro Spinal Fluid samples of adverse reaction cases were tested at the National Institute of Virology, Pune and 6 samples tested at the National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi. There were found negative for JE thereby leading to the conclusion that there is no evidence of adverse reactions after vaccination.

(e) The Chinese JE Vaccine imported from Chengdu Institute of Biological Product, from China was tested by Central Drug Laboratory Kasauli, before its limited use in eleven identified endemic districts in India and was found to be of standard quality.

(f) The "Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine Safety" (GACVS) an expert clinical and scientific advisory body reporting to WHO, established to deal with vaccine safety issues has reported that this vaccine is safe & efficacious.

(g) Does not arise.