

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

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

- (a) whether Serum Institute of India Limited has manufactured a cheap and effective vaccine for Menigitis;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the field trials for the said vaccine has been completed; and
- (d) the time by which the said vaccine will available in market?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

- (a) & (b) No Sir. Serum Institute of India Ltd. Is conducting clinical trials on meningococcal A Conjugate Vaccine..
- (c) Report of the trial is still awaited.
- (d) Availability of the vaccine will depend upon the generation of satisfactory safety and efficacy data by the firm and subsequent approval of the drug by the licensing authority.