

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:269
ANSWERED ON:17.12.2008
ANTI-RABBIES VACCINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the anti-rabies vaccines are adequately available in the Government hospitals in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether these vaccines conform to the quality norms of international standards;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether complaints have been received regarding non-availability and the poor quality of these vaccines;
- (f) if so, the details thereof;and
- (g) the steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)to(g): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 269 FOR 17.12.2008

There is currently adequate installed capacity in the country for both tissue culture Anti-Rabies Vaccines(284 lakhs doses per annum) and Anti-Rabies Serum (10.4 lakhs vials per annum).Against this installed capacity, in the year 2007-2008,123.59 lakhs doses of Anti-Rabies Vaccines and 6.85 lakhs vials of Anti Rabies Serum have been sold in the country.These biologicals (vaccines/serum) whether indigenously produced or imported,cannot be marketed unless their quality is certified by the Central Drug Laboratory at Kasauli.

In so far as Central Government hospitals are concerned,no shortage of Anti-Rabies Vaccines and Anti-Rabies Serum has been reported.In Delhi,these are administered at Dr. RML Hospital and Safdarjung Hospital.The following table illustrates their availability in the year 2007-08:-

Hospital	Anti-Rabies Vaccines	Anti-Rabies Serum
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Dr. RML Hospital	26,200 doses	52950 doses
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Safdarjung Hospital	28,500 vials	25,800 vials
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In addition to above,the All India Institute of Medical Sciences also procured 6484 doses of anti-rabies vaccine,between January to December,2008.There has been no complaint about the quality of these vaccines.In so far as State Governments are concerned,the vaccines are procured by them out of their own resources.No report has been received from any State Government about shortages of Anti Rabies Vaccine or Anti Rabies Serum.