GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF SWINE FLU VACCINES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India intends to produce vaccine for swine flu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the leading manufacturers in the, country have come forward to manufacture the said vaccines; and
- (d) if so, the status of the proposal?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) to (d): Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has informed that Department of Health Research is coordinating Government's efforts to encourage indigenous production of HINI vaccines. M/s. Serum Institute of India Ltd., Pune, M/s. Panacea Biotech and M/s. Bharat Biotech have been given licence by DCGI to import the WHO approved seed strains and they are in different stages of development. Currently killed vaccine are only being targeted, but development in other technologies are also being encouraged and constantly monitored.