

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ANTI SNAKE VENOM AND ANTI RABIES INJECTIONS

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

- (a) whether the anti-snake venom injections and anti-rabies injections are unavailable in the district hospitals and primary health centres in the rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) to (c): As per the information received from National Centre for Disaster Control (NCDC), Delhi, Anti-rabies vaccines are available in adequate quantities for use throughout the country. Besides, 'Health' being the 'State' subject, public health facilities and associated matters i.e. day to day administration including ensuring availability of various medicines etc. are looked after by concerned State/UT Governments.

Under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) funds are released to all States/UT Governments for a number of approved activities including ensuring availability of medicines at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) etc. The State/UT Governments incorporate their requirement of funds in their annual Programme Implementation Plans which are examined in this Ministry. Funds are released to State/UT Governments as per the recommendations of National Programme Coordination Committee (NPCC) for utilisation.