

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2697

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PRODUCTION OF VACCINES

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

- (a) whether there is shortage of vaccine for the Universal Immunization Programmes in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government has issued any direction to use the vaccines manufactured by the three vaccine production units at Kasauli, Coonoor and Chennai whose manufacturing licenses were suspended by the Drugs Controller General (India);
- (d) if so, whether this has been done in compliance with the rules laid down by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) in this regard;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the time by which the Government proposes to revive and restart production of vaccines in these units?

Answer

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

- (a): No. There is no shortage of vaccine for the Universal Immunization Programme in the country.
- (b): Not applicable in view of the reply to part (a) above.
- (c) to (f): Yes. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare vide order dated 26.02.2010 has revoked the order which suspended licenses to manufacture vaccines by Central Research Institute, Kasauli, BCG Vaccine Laboratory, Guindy and Pasteur Institute of India, Coonoor. These Institutes have also been ordered to ensure that the production line is made fully compliant with GMP standards within three years from the date of the issue of the order.