

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3567

ANSWERED ON:16.04.2010

ANTI-POLIO MEDICINES

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

- (a) whether any board has been set up to ascertain the accurate number of polio infected children in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether new cases of polio have come to notice in the country including Bihar and Uttar Pradesh due to supply of substandard anti-polio medicines;
- (d) if so, the details of companies which have supplied anti-polio medicines in Bihar during 1st January, 2008 to 31st January, 2010;
- (e) whether the Government has received any complaint against anti-polio medicine manufacturing companies in the past also; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): No.However,Government of India has set up National Polio Surveillance Project in the year 1997 in collaboration with World Health Organization which reports the accurate number of Polio infected children in the country.
- (c): No.
- (d): Not applicable in view of the reply to part (c) above.
- (e): No specific complaint in this regard has been received by the Government.
- (f): Not applicable in view of the reply to part (e) above.