

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PROCUREMENT OF BCG VACCINE

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

- (a) the vaccines being produced by the three public sector vaccine producing units and the steps taken/proposed to modernize them;
- (b) whether Government has procured/considered to procure BCG vaccine which were well past their expiry date from the BCG labs whose license was already suspended;
- (c) if so, the facts and the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether any probe has been carried out in this regard;
- (e) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to monitor the procedure which would ensure safety while procuring such vaccine?

Answer

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

(a) DPT group of vaccines (DPT-Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus Toxoid, DT- Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoid and TT-Tetanus Toxoid) and Tissue Culture Anti Rabies Vaccine (TCARV) are being produced at Pasteur Institute of India, Coonoor.

BCG Vaccine Laboratory, Guindy produces BCG vaccines and DPT, DT, TT, YFV, Typhoid and Japanese Encephalitis (J.E.) vaccines are produced at Central Research Institute (CRI), Kasauli.

Order for revocation of suspension of licenses of these Institutes have been issued to enable them to resume production and to ensure that the production line is made fully compliant with GMP standards within three years.

(b) No.

(c) to (e) Does not arise.

(f) There is already established procedure to ensure safe vaccine, which provides pre-dispatch inspection and testing of vaccine at Central Drugs Laboratory, Kasauli before supply of vaccine.