

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

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HIGH COST OF VACCINES

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

- (a) the cost of vaccines procured from the private sector under the Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP) during each of the last two years and the current year;
- (b) whether vaccines manufactured by the Central Research Institute (CRI), Kasauli and the Pasteur Institute of India (PII), Coonoor whose licences were earlier cost double the original price;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether suspension of these vaccines production units were revoked for stabilizing the prices of vaccines in the country;
- (e) if so, the reasons for such high cost of these vaccines; and
- (f) the remedial action taken/proposed by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a): The cost of vaccines procured from private sector under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) during each of the last two years and the current year is as given at Annexure I.
- (b): Vaccines being procured now are supplied along with Vaccine Vial Monitor (VVM), Temperature Monitoring Device and with International Packaging. However, these features were not included in earlier supply made by Departmental Vaccine Institutes. Therefore, exact cost comparison can not be carried out. Also, the procurement costs from Departmental Vaccine Institutes are provisional
- (c): Details of the rates of vaccine procured from Vaccine Institutes before closure and current rate are as per Annexure II.
- (d): The Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee recommended to immediately revoke suspension of manufacturing licenses of vaccines producing PSUs so that the flow of adequate supply of the vaccine at affordable prices for the Universal Immunization Programme is maintained uninterrupted.
- (e): The rates of the vaccine indicated to the Vaccine Institutes are provisional and based on the lowest rate, received from private manufacturers through tender process in the same year. The final price of the vaccines supplied by Vaccine Institutes will be determined by Cost & Account Branch, Ministry of Finance. Thereafter, if required, the prices of vaccines supplied by Vaccine Institutes will be analyzed for reasons of high price.
- (f): The remedial action will be decided only after analyzing the prices finalized by Cost Account Branch, Ministry of Finance.