

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

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REVIVAL OF VACCINE MANUFACTURING UNITS

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

- (a) whether the licences of the three public sector vaccine manufacturing units were suspended and the work entrusted to the companies in the private sector in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the manner in which the supply of essential vaccines for National Immunization Programme are met by the Government;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to revive the licences of these units;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the time by which these units are likely to become operational?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) : The manufacturing licenses of the three Public Sector Vaccine Institutes namely, the Central Research Institute, Kasauli, Himachal Pradesh, the Pasteur Institute of India, Coonoor, Tamil Nadu and the BCG Vaccine Laboratory, Chennai, Tamil Nadu were suspended by the Drugs Controller General of India (DCG (I)) in January 2008 since they were not found in compliance with the Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) as provided under Schedule M of Drugs and Cosmetic Rules, 1945. Vaccine procurement for National Immunisation Programme is being carried out from other PSUs and indigenous private sectors on the basis of competitive rates after inviting open tenders.

(d) to (f): Government has decided to revive these units. The licences of these units can be revived and the production of vaccines can be restarted after compliance with GMP requirements. The renovation/upgradation of the new building constructed at CRI, Kasauli to meet GMP norms for manufacture of DPT group of vaccines is in progress. The project is expected to be completed by June, 2010. The project reports for revival of BCG, Guindy and PII Coonoor are being prepared.