

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

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VACCINES FOR CERVICAL CANCER
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has permitted marketing of vaccines for the prevention of cervical cancer among women in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the vaccines available in the market; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to ensure their affordability among the common masses?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

(a to d): The Drug Controller General (India) has approved two Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccines for prevention of cervical cancer. These vaccines are available in the market.

Health is a State subject and this Ministry is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments for providing comprehensive treatment to the cancer patients. In addition, this Ministry has already recognized 27 Regional Cancer Centres in various States/UTs for carrying out research activity and providing cost effective treatment to the poor and needy cancer patients in Government institutions. The Pharmaceutical Policy as amended from time to time is also aimed at providing quality medicines to the masses at affordable prices.