

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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STOCK OF BCG VACCINE

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

- (a) whether the stock of BCG vaccine for the newly born babies about to be over;
- (b) whether the Government has not placed any order as yet for fresh purchase of vaccines;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the estimated consumption of BCG vaccines in the country every month; and
- (e) the details of the steps taken by the Government for the protection of babies?

Answer

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

- (a): No. As per the available information, 96 lakh doses of BCG vaccine is stocked at Central level in the Government Medical Store Depots (GMSDs) and about 200 lakh doses of BCG vaccine are available with States/Union Territories as on 01.11.2010.
- (b): No. Orders for fresh supply have been placed.
- (c): Does not arise in view of the reply to part (b) above.
- (d): As per the information furnished by States/Union Territories, the average monthly utilization of BCG vaccine in the country during 2009-10 was about 55.00 lakh doses.
- (e): BCG vaccine is provided to the States/Union Territories as per their requirement.