

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

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WHO DIRECTION TO VACCINE MANUFACTURERS

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

- (a) whether the World Health Organisation (WHO) has given any direction to vaccine manufacturers such as the Central Research Institute at Kasauli in Himachal Pradesh, Pasteur Institute in Kerala and BCG Vaccine Lab in Chennai;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to revamp these institutions;
- (d) whether the World Health Organisation (WHO) has made any direction regarding these institutions; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIGHULAM NABIAZAD)

- (a) & (b) No. WHO is a technical support organization and does not give any direction, but, on request, may provide technical advice and support.
- (c) Modernization work is underway at Central Research Institute, Kasauli for making the vaccine manufacturing facility Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) compliant. To ensure that the production line is made compliant with GMP standards, Rs.2.47 crore has been sanctioned towards repair and upgradation work in the existing BCG manufacturing facility at BCG Vaccine Laboratory, Chennai. On the basis of a feasibility study, approval has been granted to revamp the existing facilities at Pasteur Institute of India, Coonoor for making it GMP compliant subject to the structural feasibility.
- (d) & (e) No.