

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

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SHORTAGE OF HEPATITIS-B VACCINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for notmaking available the Hepatitis `B` vaccines in Government Hospitals of Bihar;
- (b) the time by which the Government are likely to make available the Hepatitis vaccine in the Government Hospitals of Bihar;
- (c) the States where such facility has been provided so far; and
- (d) the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) to (d): Since 2002, Government of India has been providing Hepatitis-B vaccine to infants in the government hospitals and other public health facilities in selected States and cities/districts on pilot basis. This was later extended to some other States of the country. The details are annexed. It has since been decided now to expand Hepatitis E vaccination programme in the entire country under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) from 2011