

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

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VACCINE FOR INFLUENZA A (H1N1)

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to produce an indigenous vaccine for the Influenza A (H1N1) ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) the time by which the said vaccine will be available in the market?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Yes.Government of India held discussions with Indian manufacturers of vaccine.Serum Institute of India, Pune,Panacea Biotec, Delhi and Bharat Biotech, Hyderabad have the capacity to manufacture vaccine.Drug Controller General (I) has issued license to import seed virus to these manufacturers.Availability in the market would depend on the clinical trials. The most optimal time for the said vaccine to be available for human clinical trials is around six months.