

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:799
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QUALITY OF POLIO DROPS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the polio drops vaccine for polio immunisation programme are being supplied to hospitals after proper testing by the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any case of supply of inferior quality of this vaccine has been detected in the recent past;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIDINESH TRIVEDI)

- (a) & (b) After an in-house testing of all batches of polio vaccines by the manufacturers, vaccine samples from the batches are sent for a pre-release quality check to the National Regulatory Authority Laboratory located at the Central Drugs Laboratory (CDL), Kasauli, Himachal Pradesh. The vaccines are supplied to States/Union Territories (UTs) for further distribution to hospitals only after they are cleared at the quality check.
- (c) No.
- (d) Question does not arise in view of the reply to part (c) above.