

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

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ANTI SNAKE VENOM AND ANTI RABIES INJECTIONS

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

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to provide the antsnake venom injection and anti-rabies injection in the rural areas under the National Rural Health Mission by setting up of special fund;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any complaints of unavailability of anti-venom and anti-rabies injections in the rural areas at present; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Health is a State subject. Therefore, it is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to ensure the availability of anti-snake serum and anti-rabies vaccine in the health care facilities in rural areas. However, under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) funds are provided to states for procurement of drugs including anti-snake serum and anti-rabies vaccine in rural areas to make up for any shortages.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.