

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

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SUPPLY OF SWINE FLU VACCINES  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the American company for supply of ten lakh Swine Flu vaccines in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon;
- (c) whether the company has the technology to manufacture the vaccine within a given time frame; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) The committee under Secretary (Health Research) has explored the possibility of producing a vaccine for H1N1 Influenza. Three Indian Companies have shown interest and have the capability to manufacture Influenza Vaccine. All these companies have requested for Government support for fast regulatory clearance and for minimal commitment on booking order. Secretary (HR) has been asked to negotiate with these companies.

(b) to (d) Three Companies (Serum Institute, Panacea Bio-Teach and Bharat Biotech) have been given import license by Drug controller General (India) to procure the seed strain for H1N1 vaccine. WHO country office has been requested to provide the seed virus who in turn has informed the contact details at which these vaccine viruses can be accessed.