

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3603
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PREVENTION OF CHILDHOOD PNEUMONIA
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI) is globally monitoring the vaccination programme for prevention of childhood pneumonia;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India has received any grants from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for the disease;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether low efficacy of the vaccines has been reported by World Health Organisation (WHO);
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the steps taken by the Government to ensure availability of quality vaccines for the said disease in the country?

Answer

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

- (a): No.
 - (b): Not applicable in view of the reply to part (a) above.
 - (c): No.
 - (d): Not applicable in view of the reply to part (c) above.
 - (e): No.
 - (f): Not applicable in view of the reply to part (e) above.
 - (g): The National Regulatory Authority of India looks into various aspects of the quality of vaccines before their use in Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) and private market. The 'Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation' under the Drug Controller General of India, reviews and examines/evidences for the safety and efficacy of any vaccine before its licensing in the country.
- This mechanism ensures that only those vaccines, which match the laid down quality standards, become available in the country.