

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

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

- (a) the cost of vaccines supplied by the private sector under Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP) during each of the last three years;
- (b) the reasons for such high cost of these vaccines; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for stabilising the cost of vaccines in the country?

**Answer**

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

- (a):The cost of vaccines procured from private sector under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) during each of the last three years is as given at Annexure
- (b):The reasons for increase in cost of vaccines have mainly been change in specifications of vaccines, market situation and negligible supply of vaccines from Departmental Vaccine Institutes in the last three years.
- (c):Necessary action has been initiated to restore full supplies from Departmental Vaccine Institutes and also to create additional capacity in the public sector.