

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

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PROCUREMENT OF ANTI-RABIES VACCINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the pharma industry has requested the Union Government to take appropriate steps to make procurement procedure of the anti-rabies vaccines more transparent;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of deaths due to rabies reported from different parts of the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to make available anti-rabies vaccines in Sufficient quantity?

Answer

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

- (a): No such request has been received.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): The number of deaths due to rabies reported during 2008-2010 and the current year, State/UT-wise is given in the Annexure.
- (d): Health is a State subject. Therefore, it is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to ensure the availability of anti-rabies vaccine. However, under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) funds are provided to states for procurement of drugs including anti-rabies vaccine to make up for any shortages.