

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

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SHORTAGE OF RABIES INJECTIONS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is an acute shortage of rabies injections in hospitals in the country particularly in rural areas and Primary Health Centres in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to provide rabies injections free of cost in all the Government hospitals for people living below the poverty line;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e): Anti-rabies vaccine is manufactured in adequate quantity both in public and private sector to meet the requirement in the country.

Health is a State subject. It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to ensure availability of anti-rabies vaccine. State governments have been advised to procure and supply anti-rabies vaccine out of the normal health budget. In case of emergency, untied funds available at different health facilities can also be utilized for this purpose so that no one is denied vaccine at public health facilities.