

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

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STORAGE OF VACCINES

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken by the Government for proper storage of vaccines in rural areas, particularly those with inadequate supply of electricity;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to encourage use of solar powered refrigerators and vaccine coolers to store vaccines in rural areas; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

(a): Ice Lined Refrigerators are supplied for storage of vaccines under the programme in the country including the rural areas. These equipments maintain the required vaccine storage temperature for 48 hours to 72 hours even if there is power supply for as low as 8 hours in a day. In addition, generator sets and fuel for running these sets are provided to states as per needs.

(b) & (c): Government has also provided solar powered refrigerators. The details of solar powered refrigerators issued to the state/UTs in 2010-11 are annexed.