

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:256
ANSWERED ON:30.03.2012
AVAILABILITY OF VACCINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether various vaccines including polio is adequately available in the country;
- (b) if not, the details of the demand and availability of various vaccines, State/UT-wise alongwith the reasons for the shortage; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the availability of all vaccines in the country?

Answer

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

(a)to(c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House, STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA `` STARRED QUESTION NO. 256 FOR 30th MARCH, 2012

- (a) & (b): Yes, all vaccines including polio vaccine are available in adequate quantities in the country.
- (c): The following steps have been taken to improve availability of all vaccines.
 - (i) Long term demand forecast.
 - (ii) Initiation of procurement process well in advance to give sufficient lead time for manufacture and supply of vaccines.