

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

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EFFICACY OF PENTAVALENT VACCINE  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of safety aspects and efficacy of Pentavalent Vaccine which was introduced recently by the Government;
- (b) whether the Government has analysed the data about the performance of the said vaccine in Kerala and Tamil Nadu;and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a): The "Pentavalent Vaccine" is licensed by Drug Controller General of India after examining the safety and efficacy of the vaccine and are manufactured as per conditions of the License under the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules and are required to conform to the Good Manufacturing practices prescribed therein. Beside this under Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) each batch of vaccine is released only after certification by Central Drugs Laboratory, Kasauli, Himachal Pradesh. Based on information from published studies pentavalent vaccine is safe and effective.

(b) &(c): The Pentavalent vaccination has started since December 2011 in Kerala and Tamil Nadu. In Tamil Nadu 14.97 lakh doses and in Kerala 6.85 lakh doses of pentavalent vaccine were administered to children upto July 2012.