

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

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SHORTAGE OF DTP VACCINE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether life saving DTP vaccines are available in sufficient quantity at Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to supply sufficient quantity of life saving DTP vaccines in PHCs?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ABU HASEM KHAN CHOUDHURY)

(a) & (b): Yes, DTP vaccine is available in sufficient quantity in the country. Government of India procures and supplies vaccine to States for further distribution to all immunization sites. As against the required quantity of 702.98 lakh doses of DTP vaccine during April 2012-October 2012, 708.18 lakh doses of DTP were supplied to states.

(c): To meet the requirement of vaccines, procurement is made from Public Sector Undertaking (PSUs) as well as indigenous private sector units through a competitive bidding process. Procurement processes are initiated well in advance to obviate any shortage of vaccines.