

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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USE OF OUTDATED INFLUENZA VACCINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the use of outdated influenza vaccines by health professionals including doctors in prestigious health institutions like All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the corrective action taken by the Government in the matter?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The monovalent H1N1 vaccine is effective against most commonly prevalent strain of H1N1 influenza. It was procured by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare to vaccinate high risk group (health care professionals including doctors and health care workers) in Government institutions. This vaccines was also issued to AIIMS by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare which was used for prophylaxis of health care provider in the institute on demand. It was used within its expiry period and was not outdated.