

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

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

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to rising number of alcohol related health problems in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective measures taken/proposed by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether clinical studies of a candidate vaccine to tackle alcoholism, which has been developed in Chile, is soon reported to be conducted in India;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which such vaccine is likely to be available in the market across the country?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is aware of the adverse consequences of alcohol consumption. However, no study is available in the Ministry on the increasing health related problems on account of consumption of alcohol. The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has also denied having any information on the subject.
- (c) to (e): The Drugs Controller General (India) has stated that there is no proposal seeking the permission to conduct clinical studies in India on the candidate vaccine developed in Chile to tackle alcoholism.