GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3104 ANSWERED ON:15.03.2013 PRODUCTION OF VACCINE

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

- (a) the details of production of vaccines produced by The Pasteur Institute of India, Coonoor, The Central Research Institute, Kasauli and The BCG Vaccine Laboratory, Chennai during each of the last three years and the current year, institute-wise and vaccine-wise;
- (b) whether the vaccines for Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP) are currently being procured from private sources at higher prices due to inability of the public sector units to supply required quantity of vaccines;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to scale up the vaccine production in public sector units to meet the demand and also check their prices?

Answer

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

- (a): The details of production of vaccines produced by, the Pasteur Institute of India, Coonoor, The Central Research Institute, Kasauli and The BCG Vaccine Laboratory, Chennai during each of the last three years and the current year, institute wise and vaccine wise may kindly be seen at Annexure.
- (b) & (c): As per the existing policy, orders are first placed on the public sector vaccine institutes for the vaccines(DPT, TT & BCG) being produced by them. The quantities of vaccines, which are ordered to them, are as per their capacity. The balance requirement is procured from private manufacturers through tender process at competitive rates. During the last three years, the vaccines from the public sector vaccine institutes except BCG Guindy have been procured at provisional price at which the orders were placed on private manufacturers through tender process.
- (d): For scaling up the vaccine production and to make them cGMP compliant, revival of Public Sector Vaccine Manufacturing Units has been taken up by the Government. In addition, Government has approved establishment of Integrated Vaccine Complex (IVC), as a subsidiary of HLL Lifecare Limited, a Central Public Sector Enterprises, at a cost of Rs. 594 Crore on 26.04.2012. On completion of the project, the IVC would produce pentavalent combination(DPT plus Hep B plus Hib), BCG, measles, Hep. B, Human Rabies, Hib. and Japanese Encephalitis vaccine. After completion of revival of these units and IVC, price of vaccines can be regulated in view of supply made from public sector units.