

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

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SHORTAGE OF VACCINES

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

- (a) the number of the Government controlled units engaged in the production of various types of vaccines along with the production of each unit during each of the last three years and the current year, vaccine and unit-wise;
- (b) whether there is any shortage of certain vaccines against the usual requirements under various health programmes including the Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP) due to poor response from private pharmaceuticals companies;
- (c) if so, the details of the demand and supply during the above said period and its impact on various health programmes run by the Government;
- (d) the quantum and types of vaccines imported as well as purchased from private companies for various health programmes along with the funds spent for the purpose during the above said period, vaccine-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure adequate availability of all the vaccines for the UIP and also their availability in market at affordable prices in the country?

Answer

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

- (a): There are three central public sector units/institutes under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, which are engaged in production of vaccines namely Pasteur Institute of India(PII), Coonoor, Central Research Institute(CRI), Kasauli and BCG Vaccine Laboratory (BCGVL), Guindy. The details of vaccines produced by the Pasteur Institute of India, Coonoor, the Central Research Institute, Kasauli, and the BCG Vaccine Laboratory, Guindy during each of the last three years and the current year, vaccine wise and unit wise are at Annexure-I.
- (b): No.
- (c): Does not arise.
- (d): The details of quantum and types of vaccines purchased from private companies under Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) and Pulse Polio Programme along with the funds spent for the purpose during the above said period, vaccine-wise, may be seen at Annexure-II. Yellow Fever Vaccine is procured through WHO for vaccination of the international travellers intending to visit Yellow fever endemic countries of the South American and African continents. Details of the quantity of Yellow Fever Vaccines purchased, year wise and cost involved are at Annexure-III.
- (e): In order to ensure adequate supply of vaccines the procurement is initiated well in advance from Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) as well as private sector units. Supplies are made directly by the manufacturing to the States under close monitoring and in case of additional demand from the States / delay in supply by the suppliers, the same is met out of the buffer stock kept at various Government Medical Store Depots (GMSD). In addition to this, revival of Public Sector Vaccine Manufacturing Units has been taken up by the Government to ensure adequate availability of DPT vaccines and BCG Vaccines under UIP. Further, Government has approved establishment of Integrated Vaccine Complex (IVC), as a subsidiary of HLL Lifecare Limited, a Central Public Sector Enterprise, at a cost of Rs. 594 Crore on 26.04.2012. All the vaccines under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) are supplied free of cost