

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3244
ANSWERED ON:11.02.2014
SHORTAGE OF ANTI-SNAKE VENOM
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of acute shortage of Antivenom in Kerala;
- (b) if so, whether this shortage is caused by curtailment of production of Antivenom by public sector companies;
- (c) if so, whether the Government proposes to take steps to enhance the production of Antivenom by the public sector companies;
- (d) if so, whether the Government also proposes to regulate the export of Antivenom by private companies and ensure the availability of this life saving drugs in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure sufficient supply of Antivenom in all the States including Kerala?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a): A report on shortage of Anti-Snake Venom was received by National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), from the State Drugs Controller, Kerala intimating shortage of Anti-Snake Venoms in the private hospitals in Kerala. Accordingly, NPPA directed the concerned manufacturers to rush the stock immediately. Concerned licensing Authorities have also been requested to ensure smooth supply of the Anti-Snake Venom by the concerned manufacturers.

(b) to (e): Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.