

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:411  
ANSWERED ON:21.02.2014  
STORAGE OF VACCINES  
Gandhi Shri Feroze Varun

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

- (a) whether the Government has extended financial and technical support to the States/UTs for proper storage of vaccines in the rural areas, particularly those with inadequate supply of electricity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to encourage use of solar powered refrigerators and vaccine coolers to store vaccines in the rural areas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a)to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 411 FOR 21ST FEBRUARY, 2014

- (a) Yes. Government of India has extended financial and technical support to the States/UTs for proper storage of vaccines. In addition, supplies are made to State/UTs in kind. These supplies are cold chain equipments (both conventional and solar powered), generators etc.
- (b) The details of the funds provided to states/UTs for cold chain maintenance and technical training of Refrigerator mechanics, including training on cold chain handling of cold chain handlers, Medical Officers, frontline worker for capacity building are at annexure 1 and annexure 2.
- (c) Yes.
- (d) Solar equipments for storage of vaccines have been provided to 16 States.