

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF NEW VACCINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is giving priority to the production of new vaccines to curb growing number of diseases in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the awareness being created among the backward and SC/ST dominated areas in the countrys including Andhra Pradesh about these vaccines?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The disease burden of the vaccine preventable diseases is reviewed by the National Technical advisory group on immunization (NTAGI). Based upon the burden of disease, the NTAGI gives recommendation on the introduction of new vaccines in the country. Once a decision to introduce new vaccine in Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) is made, the vaccine manufacturers are made aware about the need for the vaccine production.

(c): Whenever a new vaccine is introduced by Government of India, awareness is created by State Governments in all the areas including SC/ST dominated areas in the country including Andhra Pradesh.