

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

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Shortage of Vaccines

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- (a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of reported shortage of vaccines in the country, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to restart the functioning of three vaccine manufacturing units—BCG Vaccine Laboratory (Chennai), Pasteur Institute of India (Coonoor) and the Central Research Institute (Kasauli);
- (c) If so, the details thereof along with the safety norms proposed to be implemented in the said units; and
- (d) the time by which the above mentioned units are likely to be made operational?

Answer

(a): There is no shortage of vaccines in the country.

(b) to (d): Ministry of Health & Family Welfare vide order dated 26.02.2010 has revoked the order which suspended licenses to manufacture vaccines by Central Research Institute, Kasauli, BCG Vaccine Laboratory, Guindy and Pasteur Institute of India, Coonoor. These Institutes have also been asked to ensure that the production line is made fully compliant with Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) standards within three years from the date of the issue of the order. The production of the vaccines & anti-sera has been resumed in the existing vaccine manufacturing facilities. All these three facilities are now moving to new Comprehensive Good Manufacturing Practice (cGMP) complaint facility.