

**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 vaccines along with their production each of the last three years and the current year, unit and vaccine-wise;
- (b) the number of Government controlled vaccine units shut down during the said period along with the steps taken by the Government to restart such units;
- (c) whether there is any shortage of certain vaccines against usual requirement and the Government is procuring such vaccines on costly rates from private companies under various health programmes including the Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP); and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure adequate availability of all the vaccines for various health programmes in country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

- (a): Three vaccine manufacturing units/ institutes under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare are engaged in production of vaccines. These are: Pasteur Institute of India (PII), Coonoor; Central Research Institute (CRI), Kasauli; and BCG Vaccine Laboratory (BCGVL), Guindy. The details of vaccines produced by them during last three years and the current year, vaccine wise and unit-wise, are at ANNEXURE.
- (b): No Government controlled vaccine unit has been shut down during last three years.
- (c): No shortage of vaccines has been reported for the Universal Immunization Programme in the country.
- (d): Does not arise.