## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS RAJYA SABHA QUESTION NO 2315 ANSWERED ON **22.03.2017**

## **False confirmation about vaccination of paramilitary troops**

2315 Shri Anubhav Mohanty

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

(a) whether it is a fact that about 100 Indian paramilitary troops, under the UN Peace Keeping force, landed at Haiti last year in the month of July-August without being given anti-cholera vaccination before reporting for duty at the UN Peace Keeping force;

(b) whether it is a fact that when the UN official sought clarification, the Ministry falsely confirmed to the UN that the troops have been vaccinated; and

(c) what action has been taken against the erring officers of the Ministry for false confirmation about vaccination and creating an embarrassment to Government of India?

## ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a): An Indian Formed Police Unit (Assam Rifles 7th Contingent) was inducted for deployment at Haiti in last week of July 2016. As per the report received from Assam Rifles, the Cholera vaccines could only be procured by Medical Branch of the Directorate of Assam Rifles after dispatch of the Formed Police Unit (FPU-2 7th Contingent) to United Nations Mission in Haiti.

(b) & (c): On intimation, the Contingent was immediately vaccinated in-situ for Cholera (Both Doses) and as on date all personnel of Formed Police Unit (FPU-2) Assam Rifles Contingent are fully immunised. MHA have also issued instructions for compliance with mandatory Cholera Vaccination for the Uniformed Personnel prior to induction in United Nations Peacekeeping Missions.

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