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Dependence on China for supply of key vaccines

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(a) whether it is a fact that India"s over dependence on China for key vaccines and mainly for sourcing of raw material used in medicines has become a cause of concern for the Government; and

(b) whether Government has agreed to pay more for additional supplies of Japanese Encephalitis (JE) vaccines to China, and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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(a): The Government procures only Live Attenuated Japanese Encephalitis (JE) Vaccines from Chengdu Institute of Biological Products (CIBP), China through M/s HLL Life Care Limited. Other key vaccines like DPT, TT, Hep-B, Measels, BCG, t-OPV and b-OPV are procured from domestic manufacturers. However, bulk drugs and drug intermediates are also imported from China.

(b): The Government has been procuring Live Attenuated JE Vaccines from China which is not manufactured in India. Requirement of 2013-14 and 2014-15 was 669.84 lakh doses which were procured at a rate of Rs.19.94 per dose. For 2015-16 and 2016-17, the requirement is 901.52 lakh doses for which the rate has been finalized at Rs.27.73 per dose.