

Supply of vaccine seeds to private companies

704. SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government vaccine units supplied vaccine seeds to private companies;

(b) if so, the terms and conditions under which the seeds were supplied; and

(c) the total cost of vaccine procured from private companies in India and abroad for the past three years?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No vaccine seeds from PII, Coonoor and CRI, Kasauli have been supplied to private companies during the last ten years. However, 5 ampules of BCG seed were supplied to M/s Green Signal Bio Pharma Pvt. Ltd., Chennai during 2006-2007.

(b) Terms and Conditions for transfer of BCG seed from BCG Vaccine laboratory Gundy to Green Signal Bio Pharma Pvt. Ltd. Chennai, *inter-alia*, include:

Appropriate clearance from Drugs Controller General (India) before commencement of commercial production; if needed company shall supply 80% of its production at the same rate as quoted by BCGVL, Guindy as and when the Government wants to buy; the company should have facilities to develop the working seed lot from the master seed supplied by BCGVL; the company will maintain confidentiality about the seed strain the technology transfer; all the criteria to be fulfilled as per WHO guidelines on GMP/India Pharmacopoeia before the seed is transferred.

(c) Vaccines are procured for routine Immunization Programme under Domestic Budget and some time for Pulse Polio Programme under domestic Budget support to meet the shortage of OPV vaccines procured under External Aided Component. As per available information, a statement showing total cost of vaccines purchased from private companies in India and abroad during last three years is as under:

Rs. In Lakhs

Year	Cost of vaccines purchased from private Companies in India	Cost of vaccines purchased from abroad
2007-08	10502.00	1917.56
2008-09	32246.00	2639.00
2009-10	23518.00	4136.00

For Polio Immunization Programme during 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 vaccines were procured by Government of India directly from domestic budget and through UNICEF for Externally Aided Programme Funds. As per available information, the total costs of vaccines procured through UNICEF during 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 are as under:

(In US \$ million)

Year	Total cost of vaccines procured under PPI
2007-08	154.73
2008-09	92.98
2009-10	137.58
TOTAL	385.29

Holistic approach on curbing population growth

705. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has recently called for a holistic approach to deal with the rising population in the country;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the National Commission on Population has been completely found to be ineffective in dealing with the issue of population control;

(c) if so, whether the Central and State Governments jointly propose to work out measures to deal with this issue; and