

Stroke (NPCDCS) has been approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs on 8th July, 2010. The NPCDCS has been initiated in 30 districts across 21 States during the year 2010-11 and another 70 district will be covered during 2011-12.

(b) The following targets have been set under NPCDCS for achievement till March, 2012;-

- Setting up of 21 State NCD Cells and 100 District NCD Cells
- Strengthening of 100 District Hospitals by establishing NCD Clinic,
- District Cancer Facility and Cardiac Care Unit
- Development of 65 Tertiary Cancer Centres
- Opportunistic Screening of common non-communicable diseases up to sub-centre level in the 100 districts.

(c) and (d) At present there is no proposal to expand the programme to the remaining districts in the country.

#### **Unused doses of BCG Vaccine**

70. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 220 lakh doses of BCG vaccine was available at BCG VL, Chennai at the time of its closure;

(b) if so, what was the shelf life of the doses;

(c) what was the total cost of the doses; and

(d) whether the doses were used by Government or not?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) At the time of suspension of manufacturing licenses on 15.1.2008, there were 285.00 lakh doses of BCG vaccine available with BCG VL, Chennai.

(b) As per Indian Pharmacopeia, the shelf life of BCG vaccine is two years from date of manufacturing. All the batches were manufactured between August, 2006 and December, 2007.

(c) Total cost of 285.00 lakh doses was Rs.3.70 Crore.

(d) No, as the self life of these doses of BCG vaccines had expired before revocation of suspension of licenses of the Institute, they could not be used.