

#### Human clinical trial of cancer vaccine

3036. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a cancer vaccine is awaiting human clinical trial which is to be conducted in Chennai;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this vaccine was invented by the National Institute of Immunology (NII), India and that the same has been tried on animals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY): (a) and (b) Yes.

(c) and (d) The candidate target molecule was invented at National Institute of Immunology (NII) under the Department of Biotechnology, and was tried on rodents using different cancer cell lines. However, clinical trials have been fixed for Cancer Institute (WIA) Adyar in Chennai.

#### Insurance cover for clinical trial subjects

†3037. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of companies providing clinical trial liability insurance of clinical trial subjects at present and the details of terms and conditions of the insurance cover;

(b) the number of trial subjects who experienced serious side-effects during clinical trials in the country during the last three years; and

(c) the total amount of compensation paid to clinical trial subjects by insurance companies, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance has stated that the Public Sector Insurance Companies provide clinical trial liability Insurance to Pharmaceuticals companies, institution conducting clinical trials through "Clinical Trial Liability Insurance". It covers the legal liability incurred by Hospitals/Pharmaceutical companies and their employees while conducting authorized clinical trials. The cover is provided for selected sum insured which restricts liability to per patient/per event etc. Cover is also provided for bio-equivalence studies.

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