

## **Need to make Integrated Vaccine Complex (IVC) in Chengalpattu, Tamil Nadu operational-Laid**

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The state-of-the-art Integrated Vaccine Complex (IVC) in Chengalpattu, Tamil Nadu, established by HLL Biotech Limited, has remained non-operational for over 12 years despite an investment of almost 800 crores. The project was considered as of national importance at during its approval and was supposed to be developed to meet 75% of vaccine requirements under the Universal Immunization Programme .This facility is critical for India?s health security but has failed to deliver on its objectives. Plans were to manufacture vaccines including pentavalent combination (DPT plus Hep B plus Hib), BCG, measles, Hepatitis B, Human Rabies, Hib and Japanese Encephalitis vaccine in the IVC. The annual production capacity of IVC was envisaged to be around 585 million doses. The Tamil Nadu Government has repeatedly urged the Union Government to transfer the IVC on lease without past liabilities, offering to utilize the facility for producing life-saving vaccines to address the demand-supply gap. The land for this project was provided by the Tamil Nadu Government, further justifying its rightful operational control. Considering the urgent need for domestic vaccine production and the colossal waste of resources in keeping this facility idle, I strongly urge the Union Government to approve this transfer immediately. Additionally, I request the recommencement of operations at the Pasteur Institute in Coonoor to further enhance vaccine production capabilities in Tamil Nadu.