

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:219
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OLD RABIES INJECTIONS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that old injections of `rabies` are being used in Government hospitals in place of using new improved injections;
- (b) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the outcome of the inquiry and the action taken against the persons found guilty?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

- (a) Two types of vaccines, namely Neural Tissue Vaccine (NTV) and Tissue Culture Anti Rabies Vaccine (TCARV) to prevent rabies are in use by the Government hospitals. The neuro-paralytic reactions due to the old vaccine, i.e. NTV are very rare, as no death has been reported after administration of this vaccine. In view of WHO's recommendations to prefer the use of TCARV, a decision has been taken to phase out NTV gradually.
- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise.