

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4129  
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HEPATITIS- B INJECTION  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Government is aware that Hepatitis-B vaccine is not available in the Government hospitals and CGHS dispensaries in Delhi;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has entrusted the work of Hepatitis-B vaccination in Delhi to private agencies;
- (d) if so, the names of the agencies ;
- (e) from where the private agencies are procuring this vaccine which costs Rs 50 for an adult and Rs. 30 for children and administering them in each colony of Delhi for organising camps; and
- (f) if not, whether the Government provides this facility to the public through dispensaries ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE( SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

- (a) & (b): The Hepatitis-B vaccine is available in all central government hospitals as well as CGHS dispensaries in Delhi.
- (c): No, Sir.
- (d) & (e): Does not arise.

(f): The Hepatitis-B programme is being implemented on a pilot basis with the support of Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI) in 15 cities and 33 districts in the country which include Delhi. Under the project, Hepatitis-B Vaccine and Auto disable syringes are provided to Delhi as part of Central Supply. The Hepatitis-B Vaccine is procured by UNICEF as per the arrangement made by GAVI at the rate of Rs.15.36 per dose. Further, Government of NCT of Delhi has informed that they provide the immunization against Hepatitis-B in routine immunization schedule of State of Delhi for the children below one year of age, and it is available to the public through all government health outlets including dispensaries.