

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

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RETURN OF CHICKEN POX VIRUS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the apprehension expressed by the World Health Organisation that there are chances of a return of the chicken pox virus;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to keep an adequate stock of strategic vaccines so as to guard against the spread of chickenpox?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Chicken Pox virus is endemic in the country and has never been eradicated. Every year there are a number of suspected cases of chicken pox in different parts of the country.

As per available information, adequate quantity of vaccines against chicken pox is available in the country.