

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1089

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SHORTAGE OF DRUGS

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether life savings drugs for persons attacked by dogs, snakes or scorpions are inadequate;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to coordinate with the WHO to counter this shortage;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measures proposed to be taken to make such drugs readily available to the affected persons?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): No Sir. No shortage of Anti Rabies Serum (ARV) and Tissue Culture Anti Rabies Vaccine (TCARV) required for the treatment of rabies and Ante Snake Venom Serum (ASVS) required for the treatment of snake bites have been reported.
- (c) & (d): No Sir. The production capacity of the institutions manufacturing these drugs within India are sufficient to meet the requirement by the States.
- (e) The State Governments can obtain the drugs/vaccines by placing advance supply orders with the institutions manufacturing these drugs.