

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1006  
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LIVE-SHEEP RABIES VACCINES  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether steps have been initiated to phase out the live-sheep rabies vaccines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether pharmaceutical enterprises, in particular, have been advised to upgrade the animal sections in their respective laboratories;
- (e) if so, the number of laboratories which have upgraded their animal sections in the last three years; and
- (f) the mechanism, if any, evolved by the Government for monitoring such upgradations?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

- (a) to (c):- The Government of India has decided to phase out live-sheep rabies vaccine, i.e. Neural Tissue Anti Rabies Vaccine in the country and to start administering Tissue Culture Anti Rabies Vaccine.
- (d) to (f):- Upgradation of animal sections in the laboratories of pharmaceutical enterprises, including vaccine producing institutions under Central Government is an on-going process. Data relating to the upgradation of animal sections in the laboratories of other enterprises is not centrally maintained. Inspection of animal sections to ensure implementation of rules made therein is provided under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960.