

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO02.03.2010
ANSWERED ON
INEFFECTIVE ANTI SNAKE VENOM SERUM .

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Shri Sabir Ali

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that anti-snake venom serum produced in Andhra Pradesh and made available in hospitals in Pipra at Supaul has been found ineffective and the vials containing serum have been withdrawn;
- (b) whether any inquiry has been instituted to find out the reasons for ineffectiveness of the serum; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE

(SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

(a) to (c) The Government of Bihar has informed that some samples of Anti Snake Venom Serum manufactured by a Hyderabad based firm have been found 'not of standard quality' as per the test reports of the Central Drugs Laboratory, Kasauli, Himachal Pradesh. Necessary action has been taken by the State Government for launching of prosecution in the matter.