

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 334\*  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2026**

**SHORTAGE OF RIG AND ARV INJECTIONS**

**\*334 # DR. BHIM SINGH:**

Will the **MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of Rabies Immunoglobulin (RIG) and Anti-Rabies Vaccine (ARV) injections for the treatment of Rabies in the country is less than the requirement, yet they are being exported; and

(b) if so, the details of their production and export in the last three years?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

(a) & (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA  
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(a) & (b) Health is a State subject, the responsibility of strengthening public healthcare system lies with the respective State/ UT Governments. Under National Health Mission (NHM), the Government provides technical and financial support to States/UTs for strengthening their healthcare systems based on the proposals submitted by them in their Program Implementation Plans, subject to norms & availability of resources.

Under the National Rabies Control Programme (NRCP) funds have been allocated through NHM to States/UTs under National Free Drug Initiative (NFDI) for purchase of Rabies Immunoglobulin (RIG) and Anti-Rabies Vaccine (ARV). Procurement of RIG and ARV is decentralized.

Advisories are being issued from time to time to all States/UTs to maintain uninterrupted supply of ARV and RIG through funds allocated under NFDI.

India has an installed capacity for production of approximately 81.7 million vials of ARV and 17.7 million vials of RIG annually. Year-wise consolidated data on production of Anti-Rabies Vaccine (ARV) and Rabies Immunoglobulin (RIG) is not centrally maintained as manufacturing is undertaken by multiple private and public sector entities.

As per information received from Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics, export in the last three years of RIG and ARV are as under:

DESCRIPTION	Unit	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
		Qty	Qty	Qty
<b>Rabies Immunoglobulin (RIG)</b>	<b>KGs</b>	40613	55931	64131
<b>Anti-Rabies Vaccine (ARV)</b>	<b>KGs</b>	168662	205330	281139
<b>Total</b>		<b>209275</b>	<b>261261</b>	<b>345270</b>

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