

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 21
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15TH DECEMBER, 2017**

ZIKA VIRUS VACCINE

21. SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

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

- (a) whether the Zika virus vaccine developed by an Indian firm has shown 100 percent efficacy in animal trials;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also true that the vaccine was found to confer 100 percent protection against infection caused by an Asian Zika virus strain as well as by the African Zika virus strain; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) to (d): An Indian firm had submitted an application to Drugs Controller General (India) [DCG (I)] on Zika Virus Vaccine along with non-clinical (Animal) Toxicity data claiming 100% efficacy in animals for grant of permission to conduct Phase-I clinical trial. Based on the evaluation of application in consultation with Expert Committees, DCG (I) has granted permission to conduct Phase-I clinical trial.

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