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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6501 TO BE ANSWERED ON 6^{TH} APRIL, 2018

PRODUCTION OF YELLOW FEVER VACCINE

6501. SHRI VIRENDER KASHYAP:

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

- (a) whether vaccine for "Yellow Fever" is produced in the country, if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of the indigenous units and quantity produced during each of the last three years;
- (b) whether there is a shortage of said medicines, if so, the details thereof alongwith quantity of said vaccine imported in the country;
- (c) whether Central Research Institute, Kasauli (Himachal Pradesh) is licensed to manufacture and supply said vaccine but failing to do, if so, the details and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

- (a): No.
- (b) to (d): No instance of shortage of this vaccine has reported so far. The domestic requirement for Yellow Fever Vaccine is presently being met through import. In the financial year 2017-18, 4.00 lakh doses of Yellow Fever Vaccine have been imported.

The Central Research Institute(CRI), Kasauli, Himachal Pradesh has the license to manufacture Yellow Fever Vaccine and the bulk batches were produced up to 27.02.2012. Subsequently, the vaccine production was stopped due to various reasons like outdated machinery & equipments, standardization, etc.

Considering the meager domestic requirement of the Yellow Fever Vaccine and that this vaccine is not the part of Universal Immunization Programme (UIP), additional investment has not found to be financially viable for domestic production by CRI, Kasauli.