

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

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO.72  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 14<sup>TH</sup> DEEMBER, 2018  
POLIO IMMUNISATION**

**\*72. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:**

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

(a) whether it is true that the Government has ordered an inquiry into the type 2 polio virus contamination detected in the vials used for immunisation in many States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise;

(c) whether it is also true that the Government has ordered additional immunisation in these States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA  
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**(a) & (b).** Two samples of Poliomyelitis Vaccine, Live, Oral Indian Pharmacopoeia (I.P) Bivalent (Bivalent Oral Polio Vaccine/bOPV) manufactured by a particular company, drawn in Uttar Pradesh were declared as not of standard quality and deemed to be adulterated by the Government analyst, Central Drugs Laboratory (CDL), Kasauli as per the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 as the samples were found to contain Polio Virus Type 2.

Pursuant to above, CDSCO had issued a show cause notice and ordered the particular company on 27/09/2018 to stop production of all Human vaccines manufactured at said facility, till further orders. Simultaneously, as a part of further investigation, the Drugs Inspector of CDSCO had filed a complaint with Station House Officer (SHO), Kavi Nagar, Ghaziabad.

Subsequently, CDSCO has issued an office order on 01.10.2018 wherein all the CDSCO field offices were requested for carrying out sampling of Poliomyelitis Vaccine, Live, Oral Indian Pharmacopoeia (I.P) (Bivalent Oral Polio Vaccine/bOPV) available in the distribution channel for test or analysis at CDL, Kasauli.

**(c) & (d)** Yes, in the identified districts of Uttar Pradesh and Telangana, where the suspected batch of Bivalent Oral Polio Vaccine (BOPV) were used, special vaccination campaigns with Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV) were carried out to boost immunity against Type 2 Polio Virus. During these campaigns, a total of 2,12,866 children were vaccinated out of which 1,32,947 children are from state of Uttar Pradesh and 79,919 children are from state of Telangana.

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