

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 780  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2025**

**SHORTAGE OF HEPATITIS B VACCINE**

**780. SHRI V K SREEKANDAN:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that there is an acute shortage of hepatitis B vaccine in the State of Kerala, especially in private hospitals and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that newborns and patients who are undergoing dialysis regularly are at extremely high risk of getting infected and this risk can be mitigated only through vaccination and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also true that hospitals in many other States have been facing a similar situation for some time and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to make the hepatitis B vaccine available in the State of Kerala as well as in those States which have also experienced similar shortages of the said vaccine?

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

(a), (c) & (d) Hepatitis B vaccine under the Universal Immunization Programme has been made available as per the demand placed by States/UTs.

(b) Under the Universal Immunization Programme, the Hepatitis B vaccine is administered to newborns at birth to prevent mother to child transmission of Hepatitis B. Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Program (PMNDP) guidelines provides for a well-established infection prevention control measures to prevent cross-infection and transmission of Hepatitis B.

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