

PRESS NOTE

India is one of the largest global vaccine suppliers. About 40 to 60% of the world vaccine supplies is from India. It is interesting to note that **every third child in the world gets measles vaccine manufactured in India**. In India 8 units in the private sector and 6 units in the public sector are engaged in the manufacture of vaccines. The total value of vaccine production in India is estimated at Rs. 1940 Crores, of which only Rs. 40 Crores is from the public sector. The public health system in India through its Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) is also sourcing vaccine both from public and private sector to meet its requirements. Of the total requirement of vaccine under UIP about 80% was being met by public sector units, while the balance requirement was being supplied by private sector units through open tenders.

Three Central public sector units viz CRI, Kasauli, P.I.I, Coonoor and BCG, Guindy were engaged in the manufacture of following vaccines :-

Sr. NO.	Name of PSUs	Year of establishment	Products/Annual Production capacity (lac doses)
1.	Central Research Institute, Kasauli (HP)	1905	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ UIP vaccines DPT – 284.63 DT – 136.9 TT -197.92 ▪ Non UIP vaccine/products JE, Yellow fever, typhoid vaccine, anti snake venom serum, anti rabies serum, anti tetanus serum, anti diphtheria serum and diagnostic reagents
2.	PII (Coonoor) Tamil Nadu	1907	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ UIP Vaccine DPT – 705 DT – 705 TT -1800 ▪ Non UIP vaccine/products Tissue Culture rabies vaccine
3.	BCG Lab. Guindy, Chennai	1948	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ UIP Vaccine BCG-800

Their total production was approx. 3855 lac doses.