

**POLIO VACCINES ARE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE
ALL PARENTS MUST GET THEIR CHILDREN VACCINATED AGAINST POLIO**

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State Family Welfare Bureau, Directorate of Health Services in connection with Polio Vaccines has stated that recently there are rumors being spread stating not to give polio drops to children upto 5 years as some virus has been found in them. This rumour was spread in response to some reports in sections of media that bivalent Oral Polio Vaccine supplied by a particular company were found “not of standard quality”.

It is informed that, use of bivalent Oral Polio Vaccine manufactured by this particular manufacturer has been stopped in the programme. All the stocks of the said manufacturer have been withdrawn.

There are other bivalent Oral Polio Vaccine manufacturers who have also been providing the polio vaccine. The polio vaccines supplied by these other manufacturers have been tested and conform to all the recommended standards. In order to ensure that children receive safe and effective vaccines, the vaccines from these manufacturers are being used under the programme.

Government of India in consultation with WHO has taken all measures to ensure that all vaccines used under the programme are totally safe and effective.

Public health facilities in the state of Goa have not received any stocks of the batch supplied by the said manufacturer which is declared substandard.

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