

Dr Reddy's to seek nod for Sputnik Light

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HYDERABAD: Even as Dr Reddy's Laboratories is gearing up to submit Phase-3 clinical trials data of the single-dose Russian vaccine Sputnik Light to the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) in November, it is also planning to approach the regulator for permission to conduct separate Sputnik Light trials for children as well as a booster for adults.

SINGLE-DOSE VAX

➤ Dr Reddy's to conduct separate Sputnik Light trials for children



➤ Finalised protocol for initiating trials for single-dose booster shot

➤ So far 1.1 million doses of Sputnik V administered in India

For the paediatric population, Dr Reddy's is looking at commencing trials next month on children in cohorts - 2-12 years and 12-18 years - and is in the midst of finalising its protocol, which will include a different dosing regimen for the 2-12-year-olds due to their unique body requirements, Deepak Sapra, CEO, API & Services, Dr Reddy's Labs said on Friday.

As far as Sputnik Light as a booster is concerned, Sapra said the company has finalised the protocol and is in discussions with DCGI for initiating trials for the single-dose booster shot to be administered six months after the second dose of any vaccine has been taken, Sapra said during a Q2FY22 results call.

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While admitting to a lot of softness in the demand for the two-dose Sputnik V in the private market, the company has now approached the Indian government for discussions on including Sputnik V in the national vaccination programme especially as local manufacturing of the two doses has also begun, Sapra pointed out.



So far about 1.1 million doses of Sputnik V have already been administered in the country.