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HYDERABAD / INDIA /, December 4. / Corr. TASS Evgeny Pakhomov /. The distributor of Russian vaccines of the Sputnik family in India is the pharmaceutical giant Dr. Reddy's Laboratories has already provided the authorities with materials on the Sputnik Light single-component vaccine and has involved several partners for its production. One of the leaders of Dr. Reddy's, Head of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients and Services, Deepak Sapra.

"We are in the process of submitting materials on Sputnik Light to the authorities, and they are being submitted to a dedicated committee of experts under the General Comptroller of Medicines of India. We already have several partners in India for the production of the Sputnik Light single-component vaccine. We believe that it is a single-component vaccine." Sputnik Light "will be relevant and significant in the vaccination program both in India and in other countries of the world - as a separate vaccine and as a booster dose of the vaccine," Sapra said.

Dr. Reddy's, which operates in partnership with the Russian Direct Investment Fund, which oversees the project, and is in contact with the developer of the drug, the N.F. Gamaleya National Research Center for Epidemiology and Microbiology, expects to widely introduce Russian one-component preparation.

"As a single-component vaccine, this vaccine has demonstrated excellent efficacy and will be useful in countries where there is a large proportion of the unvaccinated population. Several studies, including with the participation of the Russian Direct Investment Fund, have demonstrated that Sputnik Light is a booster dose to Sputnik V vaccine or other vaccines has shown great advantages of a heterologous approach to booster vaccination against COVID-19, "the source said.

He added that Sputnik Light, both as a stand-alone drug and as a booster, is currently approved by several countries around the world, making it easy to use and monitor "in addition to the impressive efficacy noted in studies around the world."

So far, vaccination in India is carried out with three drugs - the Covishield vaccine developed by the British-Swedish company AstraZeneca, which is produced by the Indian Serum Institute, the Covaxin drug produced by the Indian company Bharat Biotech, and the Russian Sputnik V vaccine.