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Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri K. Chandrashekar Rao said that it is a proud movement for the Telangana State where vaccine at a reasonable price is exported to other poor nations from here. The Chief Minister was speaking at an event in Pragathi Bhavan here when he has formally sent the first batch of "Shan 5" vaccine to African countries. Shantha Biotechnics Chairman Sri Varaprasada Reddy, ED Sri Mahesh Balgat, Heads of departments Dr Amit Kumar, Dr Nagarjuna Akula, Sri G Ravikumar, Sri Phalguna, Advisor to the State Government Sri Rajeev Sharma, Chief Secretary Sri K Pradeep Chandra and others participated in the event.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said Shantha Biotechnics is producing vaccines at much lower rates than many of the multinational companies in the World. International organisations like the WHO and UNICEF have recognised the potential of Shantha Biotechnics and they have asked the company to supply vaccines to the poor nations. "It is a moment of pride for our state. Shanta Biotechnics has supplied several life saving vaccinations. This particular vaccine is developed to resist about five diseases. Under the TS-iPass industrial policy, the state has attracted several industries. It is happy to note that several industries and companies in the state are making world renowned products and exporting them to the world over," the CM said.

"Shan 5" vaccine is developed at the second manufacturing unit of the Shanta Biotechnics at their facility in Mupireddypalli in Gajwel Assembly Constituency in Medak district. This vaccine will prevent DTP-Hepatitis B, Hibb and about five diseases. This vaccine is administered to children in three doses during 6, 10 and 14 weeks. This is the first time that such a vaccine is made in India. Shanta Biotechnics has priced this vaccine at a price 7 percent of the rate of vaccines produced by other multinational companies. World Health Organization (WHO) and Drug Control Authority of India have certified and recognised this vaccine. UNICEF is purchasing this vaccine and supplying it to the poor nations. This vaccine is sent to African countries like Morocco, Nigeria and Rwanda. The first pack of this vaccine with label Made in Telangana (India) is released by the Chief Minister.

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