

Govt likely to float global tender for HPV vaccine

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The Health Ministry intends to roll out HPV vaccine against cervical cancer in the national immunisation programme for girls aged nine to 14 years in June, for which a global tender

is likely to be floated in April, said official sources.

Serum Institute's HPV vaccine CERVAVAC was launched by Union Home Minister Amit Shah on January 24 in presence of the Pune-based firm's CEO Adar Poonawalla and Prakash Kumar Singh, its Director-Government and Regulatory

Affairs. "The ministry is likely to float in April a global tender for 16.02 crore doses of HPV vaccine, which will be supplied by 2026. Apart from domestic manufacturer Serum Institute of India, global vaccine manufacturer Merck is also likely to participate in the tender," an official source said.