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## Hester enters alliance to make poultry vaccine

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HESTER Pharmaceuticals Ltd (HPL) has entered into strategic alliance with Ghen Corporation of Japan and its subsidiary Maine Biological Laboratories of USA for setting up manufacturing facilities of poultry vaccine. The cost of the project is estimated at Rs 5.04 crore.

The project with an installed capacity of 395 million doses of live and killed vaccines will use the world-acclaimed method of MBL and Ghen. It expects to start the trial production by December 1994 and commercial production by March 1995.

According to the standard vaccination schedule recommended by ministry of agriculture, the demand potential for various poultry vaccines is about 2,500 million doses per annum. However, the actual consumption of poultry vaccines is around 1,200 million doses per annum.

The demand for poultry vaccines is expected to be met by indigenous production and imports. The expected installed capacity during 1995-96 would be for 2,000 million doses, whereas the demand is estimated to be 2,770 million doses. □