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M.V. Ramana, chief executive officer of branded markets (India and emerging markets), Dr. Reddy's, said due to the sudden spike of covid-19 cases in Russia, the arrival of Sputnik V doses is getting delayed and the situation may ease by August end.

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“The local manufacturers are currently in the process of technology absorption and scaling up. And we expect and by the October-September time frame we are likely to have locally manufactured sputnik available," Ramana told reporters.

Dr. Reddy's, which has tied up with Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF) for Sputnik V in India, soft launched the vaccine in India in May 2021 after receiving Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) in April 2021.

Ramana said the company is in discussions with RDIF for ramping up supplies.

RDIF has tied up with six Indian drug makers to manufacture Sputnik V.

Dr Reddy's is in a pact with RDIF to sell the first 125 million people doses (250 million vials) of covid-19 vaccine Sputnik V in India.

The official said the vaccine was launched in 80 cities and over 250,000 people have been administered the jab.

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Replying to a query, he said the trials of Sputnik V in adolescents have commenced in Russia and they are expected to be completed by October.

On the arrival of more Sputnik V stock from RDIF, Ramana said

“What we wait for now is the balance of the second dose and we are in discussions with RDIF. We do expect to hear back from them by the end of July. The indications are that in the month of August we should start seeing a bit of floor of the imported product.”

Meanwhile, Dr. Reddy’s, in a press release, said SVAAS Wellness Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of the drug maker, tied up with ICICI Lombard General Insurance Co. Ltd for a pilot launch of a first-of-its-kind cashless outpatient offering in India.

The partnership marks the launch of Dr. Reddys digital health solution ‘SVAAS’ and demonstrates ICICI Lombards deeper foray into the wellness space.

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