

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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MMR VACCINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Union Government have introduced MMR in mass vaccination scheme recently;
- (b) if so, whether MMR vaccines are likely to be available free of cost at all Government Health Centres, Hospitals and Dispensaries in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether MMR vaccine are safe, indigenously manufactured and meet all WHO standard and it is being included in the Universal Immunization Programme on the recommendation of the Indian Academy of Paediatrics;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a), (b) & (c) No, Sir.

(d), (e) & (f) MMR is a combination vaccine for Mumps, Measles and Rubella. It is an expensive vaccine. According to available information, it is safe and is being manufactured by some indigenous facilities. Despite recommendations from the Indian Academy of Paediatrics, it has not been possible to include the MMR in the Universal Immunization programme because of the high cost of vaccine and also the Government's current priority for improving and strengthening the on-going Routine Immunization Programme and eradication of Polio.