

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

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PULSE POLIO PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether adequate facilities are available in each and every State to treat the polio patient;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any irregularities has come to the notice of the Government in implementing pulse polio programme such as misappropriation/under utilization of fund provided by the Union Government to the State Governments;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to curb such irregularities and to achieve the targets set for the scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

- (a) & (b) There is no cure for polio. However, reconstructive surgical facilities are available in all States. NGOs also provide reconstructive surgical treatment by organizing camps in various parts of the country.
- (c) to (e) One case of alleged financial irregularity of Pulse Polio Immunization funds by some officials of Rajasthan Government is presently under investigation of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). The progress in polio eradication is monitored regularly by the Government of India jointly with the State Governments. International agencies Like WHO and UNICEF provide technical and also physical and financial resources for reaching target of polio eradication.