

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

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POLIO PROGRAMME  
DINESH CHANDRA YADAV

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

- (a) whether the Government have made any assessment of the Polio Programme in the country to know its success or otherwise;
- (b) if so, the details thereof stating the States where the Polio Programme has shown unsatisfactory performance and the percentage to which Polio cases have risen in these States; and
- (c) the details of measures taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) : Yes Sir.

(b) Between the years 1998 and 1999 there has been 88% decline in number of polio cases in the country. However, the decline in Bihar was 22%, Uttar Pradesh 12%, West Bengal 19% and 55% increase in incidence of polio was observed in Delhi.

(c) The Government is taking steps to improve both the routine immunization and the Pulse Polio Programme in the country, especially in the States whose performance need to improve. Additional sub-national rounds of Pulse Polio Immunisation are proposed to be conducted in the States of Bihar, UP, West Bengal and Delhi. In States with only a few confirmed cases, mop up vaccination rounds are being undertaken wherever such cases are detected.