

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR PULSE POLIO PROGRAMME

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

- (a) whether the various International Donor agencies have provided assistance to India to step up its Pulse Polio Programme;
- (b) if so, the details of assistance provided by such donor agencies;
- (c) whether the Indian Expert Advisory Group (IEAG) on Polio has reviewed the Polio situation in the country;
- (d) if so, the details of Polio free States in the country;
- (e) whether the Polio free States risk of reintroduction of poliovirus from endemic areas of the country;
- (f) if so, the details thereof;
- (g) whether the increase in Polio is because of poor routine immunization coverage;
- (h) if so, the details of the recommendations made by IEAG in this regard; and
- (i) the action taken so far on such recommendations?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE ( SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir, Various International Agencies have provided assistance for implementation of the Pulse Polio Programme in India . The Donor Agencies wise details of external assistance received are annexed.

(c) The 12th India Expert Advisory Group meeting has last reviewed the programme on 2nd December, 04 on polio situation in the country.

(d) In the year 2005 till date 14 polio cases have been reported, 7 from Bihar, 4 from UP and 1 each from Delhi, Jharkhand and Uttaranchal.

(e) & (f) All areas which are not reporting polio cases are always at a risk of reintroduction of polio virus from endemic areas. In the year 2003-04 polio free areas of southern India saw a reintroduction of polio cases.

(g) The increase in polio cases is not because of poor routine immunization coverage but infact over the period the polio cases have been on decline because of intensified pulse polio activities. The cases in 2002, 2003 & 2004 were 1600, 225 and 136 respectively.

(h) The 12th IEAG recommended to conduct 6 Sub-National Immunization rounds in high-risk areas and 2 Nationwide rounds in the year 2005 and introduction of monovalent OPV in the high-risk areas of UP, Bihar and parts of Maharashtra.

(i) 2 Sub national immunization rounds were conducted in January and February 2005 in the high risk districts and 1 Nation wide round was observed in the month of April 2005 and monovalent OPV was provided in Western UP, Bihar and parts of Maharashtra.

**ANNEXURE**

Details of External Assistance for Reproductive and Child Health Programme and Immunization Strengthening Project

External Assistance for Pulse Polio Immunization out of RCH Programme

Agency	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
World Bank	0.00	22.89	180.32	123.13
EC	0.00	74.46	86.57	0.00

DFID	74.90	78.00	136.59	143.96
KFW	0.00	97.00	61.64	0.00
UNICEF	73.00	70.00	30.00	39.00
TOTAL	147.90	342.35	495.12	306.09

EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE FOR PULSE POLIO IMMUNIZATION (OUT OF IMMUNIZATION STRENGTHENING PROJECT)

Agency	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
World Bank	0.00	0.00	0.00	119.88
Total Assistance	147.90	342.35	495.12	425.97

(A) + (B)

Details of External Assistance for Reproductive and Child Health Programme and Immunization Strengthening Project

External Assistance for Pulse Polio Immunization out of RCH Programme

Agency	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	Total
World Bank	258.47	151.05	132.52	296.36	1164.74
EC	110.81	156.31	103.49	380.27	911.91
DFID	136.76	148.75	185.00	168.00	1071.96
KFW	0.00	50.00	42.00	-	250.64
UNICEF	57.29	124.74	151.91	96.13	642.07
TOTAL	563.33	630.85	614.92	940.76	4041.32

EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE FOR PULSE POLIO IMMUNIZATION (OUT OF IMMUNIZATION STRENGTHENING PROJECT)

Agency	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	Total
World Bank	112.77	169.91	379.76	443.95	1226.27
Total Assistance	676.10	800.76	994.68	1384.71	5267.59

(A) + (B)