

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:37
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2005
INFANT VACCINATION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to protect the infants/children from vaccination/measles related problems;
- (b) the details of the vaccination being supplied to the CGHS dispensaries in Delhi and other parts of the country;
- (c) whether steps have been taken by the Government to supply all kinds of vaccination which are essential for the infants/children;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 37 FOR 2ND MARCH, 2005

Under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP), vaccines are given to the children for protection against six vaccine preventable diseases of measles, diphtheria, pertussis, tuberculosis, tetanus and polio. UIP is implemented by the States. The Government of India provides vaccines (BCG, DPT, OPV, Measles, DT and TT), syringes and needles, cold chain equipments and technical assistance to the States. Earlier, UIP envisaged vaccination of children against measles between 9-12 months. In accordance with the recommendation of National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization, instructions have been issued to the States for giving measles vaccine to children upto 60 months of age if they had missed vaccination earlier. This measure will improve the coverage of children against measles and reduce the measles disease burden.

The details of vaccination being supplied to CGHS, Delhi, is DPT, OPV, Measles, DT, TT, BCG, MMR, Typhoid and Hepatitis - B vaccines by Government of Delhi. Government of India is supplying DPT, OPV, Measles, DT, TT and BCG to the States for further distribution within the States including CGHS.