

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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INCLUSION OF NEW VACCINE UNDER NATIONAL IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to introduce Pentavalent Vaccine in the National Immunisation Programme;
- (b) if so, whether this plan has already been cleared by the Ministry of Finance;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is also negotiating with the World Bank to get some funds for the scheme; and
- (e) if so, the time by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken and the aid likely to be received from the World Bank?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a): Yes. Based on the recommendation of the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (NTAGI) , a decision has been taken to introduce Pentavalent combination vaccine of DPT-Hepatitis B-Hib (Haemophilus influenzae b) in five states, namely, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamilnadu during 2009-10 to 2011-12

(b) & (c): Expenditure Finance Committee in its meeting on 9th June, 2009, has recommended the proposal with few observations; reply to these will be incorporated in the final 'Note for Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs'.

(d) & (e): Yes. A letter seeking funds from the World Bank was sent to the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, in June, 2008.