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Bi-VALENT ORAL POLIO VACCINE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether strains of P-1, P-2 and P-3 virus of Polio has been detected in the country, including Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase the use of Bi-Valent Oral Vaccine (BOPV) to eradicate these virus of polio in the country;
- (d) if so, whether awareness programme has been created among the rural women about this polio vaccine; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) & (b) P1 & P3 wild polio virus cases have been reported in the country including Bihar. No wild polio virus P2 case has been detected since 1999. State-wise details of cases reported is annexed.

The reasons for reported polio cases includes combination of a number of risk factors such as low routine immunization coverage, poor environmental sanitation, higher incidence of acute diarrhoeal disease etc which favour virus transmission.

(c) Bivalent Oral Polio Vaccine has been introduced from January 2010 for the high risk areas.

(d) & (e) Awareness campaign about the polio vaccine is being organised for community including for rural women. Funds are released to State Governments for IEC and Social Mobilization Activities. UNICEF through its Social Mobilization Network also creates awareness about the pulse polio immunization.