

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

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ANTI-POLIO VACCINATION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of children who fell unconscious or died immediately after administering polio drops under the Anti-Polio drive by the Government, State and UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted an inquiry in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Across India, states have reported to Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, 12 deaths in 2009 and 16 deaths in 2010 immediately after administering polio drops during campaigns. The number of deaths reported by States during 2009 and 2010 are annexed. Each of the reported events were thoroughly investigated by the state governments as per National guidelines and none of the reported deaths have so far been causally attributed to the vaccine.