

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:605

ANSWERED ON:07.05.2010

PULSE POLIO PROGRAMME.

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

- (a) the funding mechanism for the pulse polio programme;
- (b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised for the purpose during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;
- (c) whether there are reports of children being infected with polio even after administration of polio vaccine;
- (d) if so, the details of such cases detected during the last three years, year and State-wise; and
- (e) the details of the corrective measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NAM AZAD)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.605 FOR 07-05-2010

(a): For the Pulse Polio Immunization, Oral Polio Vaccine is procured centrally and supplied to States and Union Territories for use during the immunization rounds using the funds obtained through external assistance (soft loan) from World Bank and KfW. Government of India releases funds to the States and Union Territories to meet the operational cost of the Pulse Polio Immunization rounds from its domestic budget based on the approved norms.

(b): Details of funds allocated, released and utilized by each State for the purpose during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise are at Annexure I.

(c): Yes, Madam.

(d): Details of such cases detected, during the last three years, year and State-wise are at Annexure- II.

(e): The measures required to be taken based on the epidemiology of the disease are decided on the advise of India Expert Advisory Group (IEAG), a technical committee comprising of national and international experts. Based on the recommendations of IEAG in its meeting held in November, 2009, the measures initiated include;

i. Introduction of bivalent oral polio vaccine to address both type PI and P3 wild poliovirus.

ii. Addressing the environmental factors like quality of drinking water, sanitation; frequent diarrhoea etc. that are responsible for low efficacy of vaccine. Inter-ministerial meeting was held with Department of Drinking Water Supply, Department of Panchayati Raj and Ministry of Urban Development to initiate concerted efforts in the above mentioned areas.

iii. Concentrated efforts in 107 high risk blocks of Western UP and Central Bihar, paying particular attention to all aspects of Supplementary Immunisation Activities quality in these areas, and close monitoring of performance.

iv. Directions have been given to the State Governments of UP and Bihar, where the problem persist to ensure convergence of environmental improvement with the Pulse Polio Programme.