

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:393

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POLIO CASES.

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

- (a) the total number of polio cases reported in the country during the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the reasons for the rise in polio cases in the country;
- (c) whether any role is being played by the international agencies including the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) for the eradication of polio in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the corrective steps taken by the Government to prevent recurrence of polio cases in the country?

**Answer**

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 393 FOR 20TH AUGUST, 2010

(a) Total number of polio cases reported in the country in the current year as on 13th August, 2010, is 29. The state-wise breakup of cases reported in 2010 is as under:

S. State Cases  
No

1 Uttar Pradesh 10

2 Bihar 6

3 West Bengal 6

4 Jharkhand 3

5 Maharashtra 2

6 Punjab 1

7 Jammu & Kashmir 1

(b) In comparison to 29 cases reported so far in the current year, 206 cases were reported during the same period in 2009.

(c)&(d): United Nations Children`s Fund (UNICEF) supports Government of India in Strategic Communication, Social mobilization and procurement of vaccines for the program. The WHO has funded the National Polio Surveillance Project (NPSP) under which support is provided for surveillance of Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP), technical assistance to eight poliovirus laboratories, planning and monitoring of routine and supplementary polio immunization activities etc.

(e): As per the recommendations of the India Expert Advisory Group (IEAG) on Polio, two National Immunization Days (NIDs) and four sub-national immunization Days (SNIDs) were conducted between January and June, 2010, using a mix of Bi-valent Oral Polio vaccine (bOPV), Mono-valent Oral Polio Vaccine type 1(mOPV1) and Tri- valent Oral Polio Vaccine (tOPV). In addition, mop up vaccination rounds have been conducted in all areas where wild poliovirus has been detected. The government is preparing to conduct one SNID each in September and November, 2010, covering around 7 crore children and all high risk areas.

The Government of India has also developed a multi-pronged approach to address the challenges in 107 high risk blocks in western Uttar Pradesh and Bihar that includes improvement in sanitation, availability of clean water, hygienic practices and prevention and control of diarrhea, in addition to high quality polio rounds.