

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1747
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IMMUNIZATION OF BCG
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the immunization coverage at the national level of BCG against TB coverage has gone down across the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is taking any steps to arrest this trend;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) No, the immunization coverage of BCG against TB coverage has not gone down at the national level. As per District Level Household and Facility Survey (DLHS) the BCG national coverage has increased over the years. As per DLHS-2 (2002-03), national wide BCG coverage was 75% and has increased to 86.7% in DLHS-3 (2007-08).

(b) to (d) In view of the above, question does not arise.