

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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DEATH DUE TO MEASLES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether measles is making a rapid comeback;
- (b) if so, whether deaths due to this disease have risen to 74 per cent world wide;
- (c) if so, the position in regard to India due to this disease;
- (d) whether as per the World Health Organisation (WHO) anti-measles efforts have suffered due to inadequate funding and lack of political commitment since 2008; and
- (e) if so, the efforts being made by the Government to eradicate this disease from India?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

- (a) & (b): No. Deaths due to measles declined globally by 78% from an estimated 733,000 deaths in 2000 to 164,000 deaths in 2008.
- (c): As per the available data of Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI), the measles cases reported in 1975 was about 1,33,561 as compared to 40,840 in 2009 (Provisional), thus recording a decline of 69%.
- (d) & (e): Government has provided required funding for anti-measles efforts and has included the second dose of measles under the Universal Immunization programme in the entire country. In 14 states where evaluated coverage of measles is less than 80% the measles Supplementary Immunization Activity (SIA) is being carried out by mass measles vaccination. This will be followed by second dose of measles vaccination under the Universal Immunization Programme.