

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

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ERADICATION OF POLIO
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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 last three years and the current year;
- (b) the reasons for the rise in polio cases;
- (c) the details of the funds allocated, released and utilized for oral polio vaccine during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;
- (d) whether target fixed in this regard has been achieved during the said period;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the measures taken by the Government to eradicate the polio cases in the country?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO 453 FOR 10 December 2010

(a) & (b) ; Total number of polio cases reported in the country during the last three years and the current year is as under:

Year Number of Polio Cases

2007 874

2008 559

2009 741

2010# 40

There is substantial decline in the number of polio cases this year.

(c): The OPV is procured centrally and released to States/Union Territories (UTs) as per the requirement under Pulse Polio rounds. The costs of OPV are adjusted against the States/UTHs concerned. The position of Budget estimates and cost adjustment for OPV are as follows:

Year BE for Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV), (in crores)
procurement (in crores) Cost Adjustment

2007-08 Rs. 663.18 Rs. 648,80

2008-09 Rs. 503.62 Rs. 553.42

2009-10 Rs. 550.00 Rs. 605.01

State-wise position showing the cost adjustment of OPV during the period 2007-08 to 2009-10 is annexed.

(d) & (e) : India has reported more than 90% decline in polio cases in 2010 as compared to 2009 and is rapidly moving towards the target of achieving polio eradication in the near future. The last 6 months have seen the lowest number of polio cases during the high

polio transmission season of any year since polio eradication efforts started in India. The number of affected districts has declined to 17 so far in 2010 from 56 in 2009 and 90 in 2008.

(f): As per the recommendations of the India Expert Advisory Group (IEAG) on Polio, two National Immunization Days (NIDs) and six sub-national immunization Days (SNIDs) were conducted between January and November 2010 using a mix of Bi-valent Oral Polio vaccine (bOPV), Mono-valent Oral Polio Vaccine type 1(mOPV1), Mono-valent Oral Polio Vaccine type 3(mOPV3) 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 addressing the epidemiological challenges in the polio endemic pockets through two broad strategies:

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.

Focus on Vaccination of migratory populations, both in the two endemic states of UP and Bihar as well as in the states which host large numbers of migratory labour and nomadic populations.