

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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POLIO CASES

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

- (a) whether India is one of the four countries in the world which are affected by polio virus;
- (b) if so, the total number of polio cases reported in the country during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) the reasons for the rise in polio cases;
- (d) the funds allocated, released, utilized for Polio Control Programme during the last three years and the current year, Statewise;
- (e) whether the target fixed has been achieved during the said period; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to eradicate the polio cases in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

- (a): Yes, India is one of the four endemic countries in the world which has not eliminated wild polio virus one time or the other.
- (b): The details of Polio cases reported in the country during the last three years and the current year, State-wise are at Annexure I.
- (c): There is no rise in polio cases in the country. In fact, there is a decline in the number of polio cases.
- (d): The funds allocated, released, utilised for Polio Control Programme during the last three years and the current year, State-wise is at Annexure II.
- (e) & (f): There is a 96% decline in the number of wild virus polio cases from 2009 to 2010. There is only 1 polio case in 2011 compared to 27 cases for the corresponding wild virus period in 2010.

The steps taken by the Government to eradicate wild polio virus from India are: (i) introduction of bivalent polio vaccine in 2010,(ii) two nationwide polio campaigns (National Immunization Days) followed by six large scale polio campaigns in the high risk states (Sub National Immunization Days), (iii) multipronged strategy to improve sanitation, hygiene, availability of clean water and control of diarrhoea in 107 high risk blocks in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar,(iv) special micro plans to cover mobile and migrant populations and intensification of routine immunization, (v) Emergency preparedness and response plan to manage any wild polio virus case, (vi) Sustaining surveillance.