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NEW VACCINES UNDER UIP
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria for inclusion of new vaccines under Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP);
- (b) whether the Government considers four factors viz. cost, efficiency, side effects and incidence of the disease for the purpose;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Inclusion of new vaccines under the Universal Immunization Programme is guided by the following :

Disease burden (incidence/prevalence, absolute number of morbidity/ mortality, epidemic/pandemic potential)

Safety and efficacy of the vaccine under consideration

Affordability and financial sustainability of the vaccination program, even if the initial introduction is supported by the external funding agency

Program capacity to introduce a new antigen, including cold chain capacity

The cost effectiveness of the vaccination program and also of the alternatives other than vaccination.

(d): Not Applicable