

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:436
ANSWERED ON:02.09.2011
IMMUNIZATION AGAINST AES/JE
Pal Shri Jagdambika

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched immunization/vaccination programme against Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES)/Japanese Encephalitis (JE) in the country;
- (b) if so, the present status of the said programme alongwith the details of the co-ordinating and monitoring agencies set up for the purpose, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the achievements made as a result thereof indicating the extent to which immunization has helped in checking the recurrence of the disease in the country, particularly Eastern Uttar Pradesh;
- (d) whether the Government has received any proposal from certain States including Uttar Pradesh regarding the implementation of the vaccination/ immunization programme against AES/JE; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the present status of each of these proposals, State/UT-wise?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 436 FOR 2ND SEPTEMBER, 2011

(a) Yes, Madam, Government of India has introduced Japanese Encephalitis (JE) vaccination since 2006 under Universal Immunization Programme (UIP).

(b) JE Vaccination is now carried out in 112 JE endemic districts in 15 States. List of districts covered under the programme is at Annexure A.

The vaccination programme is coordinated and monitored at the Central level by Immunization Division and Directorate of National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme. State Immunization and Vector Borne Disease Control Program Officers coordinate and monitor at the State level.

(c) During period from 2006-07 to 2010-11, 704.02 lakh children have been vaccinated which amounts to 79.92% coverage of the target population.

In the year 2010-11, nine districts (7 from Uttar Pradesh and 2 from Assam) were taken up for repeat mass vaccination due to low coverage, in which 74.95 lakh children were vaccinated with a 97.85% coverage.

JE vaccination in the endemic states has helped in reducing number of JE cases. In the State of Uttar Pradesh, as against 35.8% sero-positive cases reported during 2005 (prior to launch of JE vaccination), only 11.9% cases were reported during 2010.

(d) & (e): No proposal has been received from the State of Uttar Pradesh. A list of 9 States that have requested introduction of JE vaccine in selected districts is placed at Annexure-B. The decision to introduce JE vaccination in a district is guided by the disease burden obtaining in the district which, in turn, involves a detailed analysis of scientific evidence.