

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

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FUNDING FOR UNIVERSAL IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the funding pattern in respect of country's Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP);
- (b) whether the Government proposes to create and strengthen the mechanism for long term sustenance of programmes for vaccine-preventable diseases;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to create a corpus/vaccine fund through innovative financing mechanism and set up an inter-agency task force to assess the legal and administrative barriers to make such funds operational; and
- (e) if so, details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): Under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP), Government of India provides vaccines, needles & syringes and cold chain equipments and also financial assistance for meeting the operational expenses to the States/UTs.
- (b) & (c): The strengthening and long term sustenance of immunization programme is a continuous process. Steps taken to improve both coverage and quality of immunization include need based central funding and commodity assistance to States, support for logistics such as Alternate Vaccine Delivery (AVD), capacity building of service providers at all levels and strengthening reporting and management of Adverse Event Following Immunization (AEFI). A National Vaccine Policy has also been recently formulated.
- (d): No.
- (e): In view of (d), the question does not arise.