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POLIO AND MALARIA ERADICATION PROGRAMMES

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

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the success achieved in the Polio Eradication Campaign in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the extent to which incidence of polio has fallen in various States, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Polio Eradication Campaign launched by the Government is lagging behind its target;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the strategies adopted/proposed for its eradication;
- (e) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised by each State for eradication of Polio and Malaria separately, during the last three years and the current year, Statewise; and
- (f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to eradicate polio from the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Government of India has formulated an India Expert Advisory Group (IEAG) for Polio Eradication to regularly monitor the status of Polio eradication programme in the country and suggest future course of action. The last meeting of IEAG reviewed Polio Eradication status on 13th -14th July 2011. In the year 2009, 2010 and 2011 the number of polio cases reported are 741, 42 and 1 (as on 26th Aug 2011) respectively. The State/UT wise details of polio cases is annexed as annexure-A.

(c) & (d) The campaign as mentioned above, has show signs of success in the effort against Polio Eradication. Coverage of Pulse Polio rounds has increased sharply, particularly in Bihar and UP, which were contributing the largest number of Polio cases. Bihar has not reported any Polio case since October 2010 and UP has not reported any polio case since May 2010.

(e): The State/UT wise details of funds allocated, released and utilised for Polio and National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme that covers Malaria is annexed as annexure-B and annexure-C respectively.

(f): The following steps have been taken to eradicate polio from the country.

(i) Introduction of bivalent polio vaccine in 2010

(ii) Multipronged strategy to improve sanitation, hygiene, availability of clean water and control of diarrhea in 107 high risk blocks in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar

(iii) Special micro plans to cover mobile and migrant populations and intensification of routine immunization

(iv) Emergency preparedness and response plan in the event of detection of wild polio virus.