

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2669

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NTAGI

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to constitute a committee for the selection of qualified members to the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (NTAGI) to advise the Government on this public health issue;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken note that the advice rendered by NTAGI on the issue of immunisation has come in for criticism from various quarters;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to ensure a transparent selection process of qualified members to the NTAGI?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

- (a) & (b): National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (NTAGI) was constituted in August 2001 and amended thereafter from time to time. NTAGI is chaired by the Secretary (Health & Family Welfare) and co-chaired by Secretary (Department of Health Research) and consists of qualified eminent members from fields of Public Health, Microbiology, Health Research, Pediatricians, professional bodies like Indian Academy of Pediatrics, National Center for Disease Control (NCDC) and officials from Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.
- (c) & (d): Decisions made by the NTAGI are collective decisions of the group and based on scientific evidence, published literature and in public health interest.
- (e): In view of above, question does not arise.