

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

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MEASLES VACCINATION DRIVE .
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether measles can be prevented by a single dose of vaccine;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has launched measles vaccination drive;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether more than 13 crore children are expected to be covered under the Measles Catch-up Campaign; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): No, single dose of measles vaccine protects 85% of children when given at 9 months of age.
- (b): Yes, Government has launched measles vaccination drive for administering second dose of measles.
- (c): Measles vaccine when given at an age of 9 months prevents measles in 85% children. Taking note of this and measles coverage in the country, Government has, as per the recommendation of National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (NTAGI), introduced 2nd dose of Measles. Measles vaccination drive is being carried out for administering second dose in 14 states having less than 80% measles coverage as per District Level Household Survey 3. Measles 2nd dose has been introduced under routine immunization in the remaining 21 states where measles coverage is more than 80%.
- (d) & (e): Yes, more than 13 crore children are expected to be covered under the 2nd dose measles catch up campaign in 14 States targeting all children between 9 months to less than 10 years of age in a phased manner starting from year 2010. These states are Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Haryana, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Nagaland and Tripura.