

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

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NATIONAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP ON IMMUNISATION

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch new vaccines as part of the recommendations of the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has started trial run of these vaccines; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (NTAGI) is one of the recommending bodies to Government of India on various issues related to immunization including introduction of new vaccines.
- (b) As per recommendations of NTAGI, Government has introduced Haemophilus Influenzae Type b, (Hib) containing Pentavalent vaccine in Tamil Nadu and Kerala.
- (c)&(d): Pentavalent vaccine has been introduced initially in Tamil Nadu and Kerala considering good immunization coverage and strong monitoring mechanisms in these States.