

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

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

- (a) whether the polio has not been eradicated completely even after carrying out the country wide pulse polio programme for its prevention;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government have constituted any monitoring group for the said purpose; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): India has been removed from the list of countries with active wild poliovirus transmission as not a single wild polio virus case has been reported for more than one year.
- (b): The wild polio transmission is continuing in the other parts of the world and the risk of polio continues from importation till global eradication of polio is achieved.
- (c) & (d): Government of India has constituted an Indian Expert Advisory Group (IEAG) for polio which consists of National and International experts from various fields. This group monitors the polio eradication programme based on the existing epidemiological situation of polio in the country and recommends future strategies to Government of India.