

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

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INTENSIFICATION OF ROUTINE IMMUNISATION  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has declared year 2012 as the Year of Intensification of Routine Immunisation in the country;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) the details of the road map drawn for implementation of said drive in various States; and
- (d) the details of the expenditure likely to be incurred on the said drive?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(c): Yes, Government of India has declared year 2012 -13 as year of Intensification of Routine Immunization. The strategy focuses on:

1. Carrying out immunization weeks in North Eastern States, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Jharkhand etc.
2. Strengthening routine immunization in identified 239 districts having less than 50% full immunization coverage as per District level household survey 3. District specific immunization action plan will be developed.
3. Rapid Response Team in each state to identify high risk blocks including peri-urban areas where immunization coverage is low and to use this database for strengthening routine immunization in such pockets on a priority basis
4. Intensified Communication and increasing community participation.
5. Modernizing alternate vaccine delivery system.
6. Strengthening follow up of children through mother and child tracking system.

(d): There is no additional expenditure involved.