

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

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ANTI-MEASLES DRIVE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether anti-measles drive is covered under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM);
- (b) if so, the details of funds allocated, amount utilized and unutilized balance for three years, State-wise;
- (c) the actual number of children deaths due to measles for the last three years, State/ UT-wise and the current year alongwith the actual age group of children affected by measles;
- (d) whether anti measles vaccines are available in the country; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to launch compulsory immunization drive for measles?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

- (a) & (b): Yes. The State-wise details of funds allocated, amount utilized and unutilized balance for 2010-11 and 2011-12 is at Annexure I as the drive was launched in the country from the 2010-11 only
- (c): The actual number of children deaths reported due to measles for the last three years, State/UT-wise and the current year is at Annexure II. More than 80% of the measles cases are reported from the children in the age group of 9 months to 10 years.
- (d): Yes.
- (e): Government of India has already launched measles vaccination drive in the year 2010-11 with the target to cover 361 districts in 14 States and 13.1 crore children in a phased manner. The measles drive is targeting all children between 9 months to less than 10 years of age. These states are Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Haryana, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Nagaland and Tripura. As on date, Measles vaccination drive has been completed in 197 districts in 14 states and 4.77 crores children have been covered during the measles vaccination drive.