

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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UNIVERSAL IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Universal Immunisation Programme of India is one of the largest immunization programme in the world;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of infant and pregnant women covered last year;
- (c) the details of diseases covered under the said programme; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase the coverage of the said programme?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : Yes, As per Immunization summary report of UNICEF and WHO, India's birth cohort of 2.6 crores is the highest in the world. Under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP), children are provided vaccination to prevent Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus (DPT), Polio, Measles, severe form of Childhood Tuberculosis (Bacillus Calmette-Guérin ie BCG), Hepatitis B and Tetanus for pregnant women. In addition, JE vaccine is provided in selected high disease burden districts of 15 states. The number of pregnant women and children covered last year are

Target group	Antigen	Beneficiaries covered in 11-12
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Pregnant Women	Tetanus Toxoid	2.29 crores
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Children	BCG	2.34 crores
	DPT third dose	2.21 crores
	OPV third dose	2.11 crores
	Measles	2.19 crores
	Hepatitis B third dose	1.07 crores
	JE vaccine	0.12 crores

(d): The Government of India has declared year 2012-13 as the year of intensification of Routine Immunization. Various steps have been taken under Immunization programme to increase coverage and these include need based central funding and commodity assistance to States, support for logistics such as Alternate Vaccine Delivery (AVD), capacity building of service providers at all levels, strengthening reporting and management of Adverse Event Following Immunization (AEFI), Strengthen supportive supervision at all levels, involvement of ASHA for social mobilization of children, Carrying out immunization weeks in North Eastern States, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Intensified IEC/Behavior change Communication, increasing community participation and Strengthening follow up of children through mother and child tracking system etc.