

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

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NTAGI

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

(a) whether the Government has constituted/propose to constitute a committee for the selection of qualified members to the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (NTAGI) to advise the Government on this major public health issue;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has noted the wide criticism of the NTAGI for its biased and unscientific advice on the important issue of immunisation in the country; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (NTAGI) was constituted in August 2011 and amended thereafter from time to time. NTAGI is chaired by the Secretary (Health and Family Welfare) and co-chaired by Secretary (Department of Health Research) and consists of qualified eminent members from fields of Public Health, Microbiology, Health Research, Pediatricians, professional bodies like Indian Academy of Pediatrics, National Center for Disease Control (NCDC) and officials from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

(c) Decisions made by the NTAGI are collective decisions of the group and based on scientific evidence, published literature and in public health interest.

(d) In view of above, question does not arise.