

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

- (a) whether most of the children in the country are not immunised;
- (b) if so, whether in the absence of basic immunization of children, most of them run risk of disease even in the period of basic immunization schedule;
- (c) if so, the facts thereof;
- (d) whether the Union Government in consultation with the State Governments proposes to evolve policy to ensure that each and every child is immunized in the scheduled period itself; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): As per the latest DLHS-3 survey in 2007-08, 54.1 % children (12-23 months) had received full immunization and only 11.3% children (12-23 months) were found to have had 'No Immunization'.

The details of Vaccine Preventable Diseases (VPDs) as reported by the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI) and the World Health Organization- National Polio Surveillance Project (WHO-NPSP) during 2006, 2007 and 2008 are at Annexure.

(d) & (e): Under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), immunization cards are issued to individual beneficiary at the time of birth/at first immunization and is monitored by the Health Worker during Village Health and Nutrition Days and during home visits, so as to ensure timely immunization.