

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

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POLIO VIRUS

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

(a) whether the Government apprehend that polio virus may travel to India from neighbouring countries like Pakistan and Afghanistan where it is an endemic; and

(b) if so, the precautionary steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, the threat of Polio continues so long as there is polio virus circulation in any part of the world.

(b): Surveillance for polio has been intensified through active case search in the health facilities in Amritsar and other nearby districts and blocks of Punjab, Rajasthan, J&K and Gujarat that share a border with Pakistan.

In addition continuous vaccination of children is carried out at Attari train station and Wagah border (in Punjab), Munabao train station (in Rajasthan) and at Kaman PHC and Chak da Bagh (in J&K).