

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4576  
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MEASLES DEATHS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that three out of four children that died due to measles in 2008 were from India;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has sponsored any measles immunisation drives across the country during the last three years;
- (c) if so, the systematic data and information on the number of children immunised, State-wise; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a): As per WHO/UNICEF joint annual measles report 2009, South East Asia region including India accounted for  $\frac{3}{4}$  of deaths due to measles in 2008.
- (b): Government of India has 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 4.81 crores children have been covered during the measles vaccination drive.
- (c): The state-wise number of children immunised so far is given at annexure.
- (d): Does not arise in view of reply to part (c) above.