

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

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POLIO CASES

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

- (a) the number of polio cases reported in the country during the last three years and the current year, State/Union Territorywise;
- (b) whether the Government has reviewed the polio eradication campaign and pulse polio programme in view of surfacing of the new polio cases;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated during the Eleventh Plan period for the eradication of polio; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure judicious utilisation of funds and to prevent the recurrence of polio cases in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRVEDI)

- (a): State/Union Territory-wise details of polio cases during the last three years and the current year, is at Annexure - I.
  - (b) & (c): India Expert Advisory Group (IEAG) on Polio Eradication, a body constituted by the Government of India which comprises of national and international experts in the field of epidemiology, public health and virology meets biannually to review the programme.
- The Government of India has been following the recommendations of the IEAG.
- Details of the funds sanctioned during the Eleventh Plan period for the eradication of polio is at Annexure – II
- (d):
    - # Polio vaccination rounds are conducted as per the advice of India Expert Advisory Group.
    - # Two National Immunization Days (NIDs) are conducted every year for which children upto the age of 5 years are vaccinated.
    - # Sub National Immunization Days (SNIDs) are conducted almost 5 to 7 times in UP, Bihar and other areas to cover high risk / migratory population.
    - # Mop Up rounds are conducted in and around the area where a polio case is detected.
    - # To immunize the population on the move, children at bus stands, market places, major congregation points, railway stations and moving trains are vaccinated.
    - # Newborn tracking is done to vaccinate them during the polio campaigns.
    - # Special plan has been chalked out to vaccinate children in high risk areas of Kosi Riverine Belt.