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IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMME

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

- (a) whether shortage of vaccines under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) has been reported in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the percentage of children who have been full immunized under UIP in the country;
- (d) the funds allocated and spent on the procurement of vaccines under UIP during each of the last three years and the current year Vaccine and State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken to ensure adequate supply of vaccine and full immunization of all the children in the country?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) No. There is no report of shortage of vaccines under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) in the country.
- (c) As per Health Management information system, 73.5 percent of targeted children have been fully immunized till January 2013.
- (d) The vaccines are procured centrally and distributed to states as commodity assistance. The details of funds spent on vaccines under the UIP during each of the last three years and the current year, vaccine and State/UT-wise as per cost adjustment are annexed.
- (e) In order to ensure adequate supply of vaccines, the procurement is initiated well in advance and procured from Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) as well as indigenous private sector units. Supplies are made directly by the manufacturer to the state under close monitoring and in case of additional demand from the state / delay supply by supplier; the same is met out of the buffer stock kept at Government Medical Store Depot (GMSD).

Following steps are taken for increasing full immunization of all the children in the country:

1. The year 2012-13 has been declared as the year of Intensification of Routine immunization. As a part of the strategy states are organizing immunization weeks.
2. Other steps taken under Immunization programme are commodity assistance in the form of vaccines, cold chain equipment etc to States, need based central funding to support Alternate Vaccine Delivery (AVD), capacity building of service providers at all levels, strengthening reporting and management of Adverse Event Following Immunization (AEFI) and strengthen supportive supervision at all level, involvement of ASHA for social mobilization of children.
3. Intensified IEC/BCC for increasing community participation.
4. Strengthening follow up of children through mother and child tracking system (MCTS).