

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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MEASLES AND NEONATAL TETANUS

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

- (a) the total number of cases of death reported due to measles, neonatal tetanus and diphtheria during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether all the children have been covered under the Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP) in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the funds allocated for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure immunization of all the children and also to eliminate measles, neonatal tetanus and diphtheria from the country, especially in the rural and tribal areas?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ABU HASEM KHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a): The total number of death due to Measles, neonatal tetanus and diphtheria as reported by Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI), State-UT wise, during each of the last three years and current year is at Annexure I (a, b, & c).

(b) & (c): As per Health Management Information System (HMIS) 72.7% (as on 15th April 2013) of the children are fully immunized in the country in the year 2012-13. The State-UT wise details of coverage under Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) are at Annexure II.

(d): The funds allocated under UIP during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise is at Annexure III.

(e): The steps taken by the government to ensure immunization of all children are (i) Year 2012-13 have been declared as the year of Intensification of Routine immunization by organizing special immunization weeks and strengthening routine immunization to improve the coverage. The immunization week focused on low immunization coverage pockets and urban slums/migratory population in the country. (ii) Intensified IEC/BCC for increasing community participation. (iii) Strengthening follow up of children through mother and child tracking system (MCTS).

For elimination of measles, 2 doses of measles vaccine introduced under the Universal Immunization Programme in year the 2010. In the 14 states with measles evaluated coverage <80% the 2nd dose has been introduced after Supplementary Immunization Activity (SIA) for measles given to children between 9 months to 10 years of age.

Neonatal tetanus elimination is being carried out by providing Tetanus Toxoid (TT) vaccine to children at 10 and 16 years. In addition, two doses of tetanus toxoid are provided to pregnant mothers during pregnancy and encouraged institutional deliveries under Janani Suraksha Yojna.

Under UIP 5 doses of Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus (DPT) vaccine is provided to children at 6, 10 14 weeks, 18 month and 5 years of age of children to prevent Diphtheria.

The immunization activity is not only carried out from the fixed centers like Hospitals, Community Health Center (CHC), Primary Health Center (PHC) but also from Sub-center and villages including rural and Tribal areas across the country.