

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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NTAGI RECOMMENDATIONS ON VACCINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Technical Advisory Group of Immunization (NTAGI) had recommended to introduce Pneumococcal conjugate and some other vaccines in Universal Immunization Programme (UIP);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the follow up action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (NTAGI) is an apex body to recommend Government of India on various aspects of Immunization programme including introduction of new vaccines. NTAGI has discussed various vaccines including Pneumococcal vaccine, Pentavalent vaccine containing Hib, Rubella vaccine and recommended introduction of Pentavalent vaccine containing Hib. For Pneumococcal vaccine, NTAGI has recommended to review it again when a vaccine covering 70% serotypes will be available.

(c): Based on the recommendations of NTAGI, necessary actions are taken including introduction of new vaccine as in case of Pentavalent vaccine containing Hib.