

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

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DEATH DUE TO MEASLES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the increasing number of deaths due to measles;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (c) the measures to be taken by the Government to deal with it?

Answer

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

- (a) As per report of World Health Organization, India accounted for 47% of estimated global measles mortality in 2010. During the period 2000 to 2010, mortality due to measles has not increased and in fact it has actually declined, though relatively slowly.
- (b) The total number of deaths due to measles in India, year-wise and State-wise, during 2009-2012 as published by Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI) is annexed.
- (c) Government of India has launched 2nd dose of measles under the Universal Immunization Programme in 2010 through a two pronged strategy. 21 State/UTs with >80% measles 1st dose coverage have incorporated 2nd dose under their Routine Immunization (RI) while 14 States/ UTs with measles 1st dose coverage <80% are covering all children between 9 months to less than 10 years of age with measles vaccine through a Supplementary Immunization Activity (SIA) followed by incorporation of 2nd dose under RI. The SIA targets to cover 13.9 crore children in 364 districts in 14 States in a phased manner. Till date, 9.37 crore children have been vaccinated with measles vaccine under SIA.