

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

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

- (a) whether fifty per cent of children in the country remain to be fully immunised;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the percentage of fully immunised children in the country; State-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken to ensure immunisation of all the children in the country alongwith the expenditure incurred thereon, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): As per the latest DLHS-3 survey in 2007-08 full immunization coverage of Children (12-23 months) in the country is 54.1%.

The reasons for this are:

1. High dropout rates, i.e. beneficiaries do not complete the doses as per schedule.
2. Lack of awareness as well as difficulty in accessing health care facilities in some areas.

(c): The details are at Annexure-I.

(d): For Immunization of children in the country, Government of India is providing 100% support for vaccines and logistics. It is also providing support to States through their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) for strengthening Routine Immunization Programme. These include:

Alternate vaccine delivery support for hiring couriers for timely vaccine supply on the session day to villages

Alternate vaccinators for urban slums and underserved areas where Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM) is not available to conduct immunization sessions

Social mobilization to ensure universal access

Strengthening monitoring and supervision

Quarterly review meetings for programme monitoring

Support for Petrol Oil Lubricant (POL) to assist active supervision.

Support for Cold Chain Maintenance

Training of Health Staff related to Immunization.

State-wise release of funds and expenditure incurred for Routine Immunization Programme for the period 2005-06 to 2008-09 is at Annexure-II.