

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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CASES OF POLIO
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any polio affected person has been detected in any part of the country during each of the last three years and current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise;
- (c) whether all States with international borders have been put on alert to reduce the risk of importation of polio virus from neighbouring countries in the wake of recent polio outbreak in Syria;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to declare India as polio free nation?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): One polio case in the year 2011 and 42 polio cases in the year 2010 were detected in the country. No polio case has been detected since 13th January 2011. The State/UT wise details of polio cases during each of the last three years and current year is as under:-

Number of polio cases by state				
State/UT	2010	2011	2012	2013
West Bengal	8	1	0	0
Uttar Pradesh	10	0	0	0
Bihar	9	0	0	0
Jharkhand	8	0	0	0
Maharashtra	5	0	0	0
Haryana	1	0	0	0
Jammu & Kashmir	1	0	0	0
Total	42	1	0	0

(c) & (d): All the states with international borders have been put on alert and continuous polio vaccination is being carried at these borders. The details are as under:

International boarder	Number of post vaccinated till Oct 13	Number of children
Indo Pak border	5	8,000
Indo Nepal border	90	46 lakh
Indo Bangladesh border	3	11,000
Indo Myanmar border	3	6,500
Indo Bhutan border	1	5,000

In addition to this, Polio vaccination is also provided to Hajj pilgrims before travelling to Saudi Arabia regardless of any age and previous immunization status.

(e): In order to maintain population immunity to mitigate the risk of importation, the Intensity and quality of pulse polio rounds are maintained with quality Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) surveillance. The routine immunization has been strengthening by declaring immunization weeks to cover low immunization coverage pockets. States/UTs wise emergency response plan has also put in place to respond to any wild poliovirus case detection.