

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

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VACCINE FOR MEASLES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to include second dose of measles vaccine to the children under the Immunisation programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the benefits accrued to such initiative;
- (c) whether the second dose is approved by the World Health Organisation (WHO);
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action plan prepared for the purpose?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): The National Technical Advisory Group on immunization (NTAGI), has recommended giving a second dose of measles vaccine to children about which no final view has been taken.
- (c) & (d): The WHO recommends a second opportunity for measles either as a second dose or as measles SIA (Supplementary Immunization Activity).
- (e) Does not arise.