

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

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POLIO ERADICATION PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India was declared polio free country in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of volunteers, supervisor and donor partners involved to achieve this status; and
- (c) the details of likely number of children under five years across the country to be administered polio drops as part of the polio eradication campaign during the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) & (b): Yes, India along with other 10 countries of South East Asia Region of WHO has been certified polio free by Regional Certification Commission on 27 March 2014.

More than 24 lakh volunteer participate in the campaign and 1.5 lakh supervisors monitor this activity. The supporting partners include Rotary International, UNICEF, World Bank, WHO and KFW (Kreditanstalt Fur Wiederaufbau).

(c): More than 526 million under five children have been vaccinated with polio drops as a part of polio eradication campaign (April-2014 till February 2015) (The data for February round 2015 is estimated)