

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:278

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IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMME

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

- (a) The details of the vaccines being administered under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP), disease-wise;
- (b) Whether a substantial number of children are still not covered under the UIP and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) The steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure immunization of all the children in the country along with the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon, State/UT-wise;
- (d) Whether the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (NTAGI) had recommended introduction of more vaccines in UIP; and
- (e) If so, the details thereof and the time by which these vaccines are likely to be made part of UIP?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 278 FOR 25 JULY, 2014 a) Under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP), 7 vaccines are administered. These vaccines are Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus (DPT), Polio, Measles, Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG), Hepatitis B, Japanese Encephalitis (JE) (in endemic districts) and Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) as pentavalent vaccine combination (DPT + Hib + Hepatitis B) (in 8 states). These vaccines prevent Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Polio, Measles, and severe form of Childhood Tuberculosis, Hepatitis B, Japanese Encephalitis and disease caused by Haemophilus influenzae type b like meningitis, Pneumonia.

b) As per the Coverage Evaluation Survey (CES-2009), 7.6% of children in the country were unvaccinated. The details of unvaccinated children State/UTs wise is placed at Annexure-I.

c) Various steps taken for increasing foil immunization of children are as follows:

(1) Routine Immunization is being conducted through approximately 9 lakh sessions across the country.

(2) Under the Immunization programme, States & UT's are provided commodity assistance in the form of vaccines and cold chain equipment in addition to central funding for meeting the operational cost.

(3) Intensified Behavior Change Communication (BCC) including social mobilization for demand generation in the communities.

(4) Mother and Child Tracking System (MCTS) for follow up of children to reduce drop out.

(5) Immunization weeks are conducted every year in areas with pockets of low immunization coverage. About 400,000 habitations have been identified in the country where vaccines are administered to miss out children. The funds allocated under Strengthening of Routine Immunization Programme during 2014-15, State/UTs wise is placed at Annexure-II.

d) & (e): Yes, the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (NTAGI) has recommended introduction of more vaccines in UIP. These vaccines are

(i) Rubella vaccine as Measles Rubella (MR) Vaccine combination replacing Measles in UIP,

(ii) Injectable Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV) as part of polio end game strategy, and

(iii) Rotavirus Vaccine introduction in UIP in phases.