

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

- (a) the details of the vaccines being administered and the percentage of children who have been immunized under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP), disease and State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that certain areas with high levels of distress migration have low immunization coverage in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure that migrants children are provided the necessary vaccines;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to introduce Rotavirus vaccine in a phased manner and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure complete immunization of all the children in the country

Answer

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

(a): Under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) 7 vaccines are administered. These vaccines are Diphtheria, Pertusis, 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 selected states).

The details of the children who have been immunized under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP), vaccine-wise (disease) and State/UT-wise is Annexed.

(b) & (c): Yes, Polio Eradication Program has identified 400,000 pockets of low immunization coverage which includes migratory population also.

Following steps have been taken by the Government to ensure that migrants children are provided the necessary vaccines:

- (1) Special Immunization Weeks (SIW) are conducted every year in areas with pockets of low immunization coverage.
- (2) In the year 2013-14, four rounds of Special Immunization Weeks (SIW) were conducted in high risk areas consisting of migratory population. During this period, 9.4 million lakh doses of various antigens were given to children.
- (3) These high risk areas have been linked to Routine Immunization session sites to ensure Routine Immunization services.

(d): Yes, the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (NTAGI) has recommended for introduction of Rotavirus vaccine in a phased manner.

(e): Following steps are taken by the Government to ensure complete immunization of all the children in the country:

- (1) Government of India has introduced performance based incentives for Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) for social mobilization to increase immunization coverage.
- (2) Supportive supervision has been strengthened to sensitize mobilization of ASHA workers.
- (3) At present, Immunization branding has been done by Information Education and Communication (IEC) and Inter Personal Communication (IPC) activities.
- (4) Due list of beneficiaries are prepared for every session and this list is used for mobilization of children.

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