

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1125  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2020**

**DROP IN IMMUNIZATION SERVICES**

**1125. SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:**

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

- (a) the percentage drop in the immunization services delivery through birth dose vaccination, health facility based sessions and outreach sessions in the light of the Covid-19 pandemic;
- (b) the details of the restoration of vaccination drives in the containment zones; and
- (c) whether Government has any alternative plans to ensure the immunization of people in the containment zones, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) There has been 19.4% drop in Hepatitis-B birth doses administered and 31% drop in vaccination sessions held in health facility and outreach sessions from April to June 20 as compared to same period last year as per Health Management Information System (HMIS), in the light of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

(b) & (c) Immunization services are being provided to beneficiaries who reach the immunization sessions sites in containment zones of lockdown areas due to COVID-19 with measures to prevent COVID-19 spread like physical distancing, use of mask, hand sanitizer etc.

Appropriate communication material has been developed and shared with the States and UTs for addressing vaccine hesitancy and strengthening routine immunization with due precautions, during COVID-19 pandemic.

Supply chain of vaccines and other logistics has been ensured during COVID-19 pandemic.

Further, Sub national Pulse Polio Immunization activities have been allowed in containment zones with measure to prevent COVID-19 spread.