

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2118
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01ST AUGUST 2025**

IMMUNISATION OF CHILDREN

2118. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that immunisation of children across the country is a big challenge and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has any data about the percentage of children fully immunised against diseases in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the steps being taken by the Government to further improve the position in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government has any plans to encourage States for having model immunisation centres, evening immunisation camps among other measures for this purpose; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) & (b) Universal Immunization Program is one of the largest public health initiative in the world. Nationally, it provides immunization services to estimated 2.57 crore children and 2.9 crore pregnant women every year. Universal Immunization Program provides 11 vaccines for 12 vaccine preventable diseases. The Full Immunization coverage of the country is around 98% for the FY 2024-25.

(c) Various steps taken by the Government to improve the vaccination coverage are:

- State Task Force on Immunization (STFI), District Task Force on Immunization (DTFI) and Block Task Force on Immunization (BTFI) ensure effective implementation of the program which are regularly undertaken.

- Strategic interventions like advocacy, social mobilization, inter personal communication at family level and media engagement are undertaken to improve immunization coverage.
- Supplementary immunization campaigns are conducted in areas of low immunization coverage to vaccinate left out and dropped out children and pregnant women.
- Special vaccination campaigns such as National Immunization Days (NIDs) as a part of the Pulse Polio programme are carried out every year.
- Hosting of Village Health and Nutrition Days (VHND) on designated days for immunization activities.
- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has rolled out the UWIN portal for the digital registration and recording of all vaccination events of children and pregnant women.

(d) & (e) Government of India encourages States/UTs for establishing model immunization centers as per their need. The model immunization centers are presently operational in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Chandigarh and Ladakh.
