

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

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CHICKEN POX AMONG CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Chicken pox is rampant in India especially among children upto the age of fifteen;
- (b) if so, whether any efforts have been made to eradicate the disease from the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (c) Chicken pox is an acute viral disease with sudden onset of fever and skin eruptions characterised by vesicular rash. It shows seasonal trend and cases occur mostly during first six months of the year. The disease is rarely fatal. So far chicken pox immunization is not a part of Universal Immunization Programme. It is relevant to mention that chicken pox is a self-limiting disease and its treatment is symptomatic. Facilities for treatment of chicken pox and any of its complications are available in various hospitals, both in Government and private sector.