

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2165
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CAMPAIGN AGAINST HEPATITIS -A AND B
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has launched a nation wide campaign against Hepatitis-A and B during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, whether arrangements for free vaccination of Hepatitis -A and B have been made in CGHS dispensaries and other Government hospitals;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the time by which the Union Government is likely to make necessary arrangements in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d) Hepatitis-A is benign compared to other types and is not covered under routine immunization. In respect of Hepatitis B, the Government has launched a pilot project of immunization of Hepatitis B for children below one year of age. Hepatitis B vaccination has commenced and is continuing in 15 cities since 2002-03 and in 32 districts and Andaman and Nicobar Islands since 2003-04. Hepatitis B vaccine is given free of cost at all health facilities including CGHS dispensaries. Central Government Hospitals personnel at high risk are being immunized against Hepatitis B.