

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

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UNIVERSAL VACCINATION PROGRAMME

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

- (a) whether there is a proposal to go in for a universal Hepatitis-B vaccination involving all new born babies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this proposal is based on any survey /finding by the experts ;
- (d) if so, the ways and means of meeting the cost of the vaccination programme; and
- (e) the time by when these universal vaccination programme is likely to be implemented ?

**Answer**

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

- (a) to (c) At present Hepatitis B vaccination is provided to infants (0-1 year) free of cost in 15 cities and 33 districts as pilot project. The Hepatitis B vaccination will now be expanded to eleven States initially where DPT 3 dose coverage is more than 80% as per cluster evaluation survey findings of UNICEF.
- (d) Government of India is implementing the Pilot project of Hepatitis B with support from Global Alliance for Vaccination and Immunization (GAVI) and the expansion of Hepatitis B will also have initial support from GAVI and thereafter it will be funded by Government of India.
- (e) The expansion to 11 States will be started in 2006-07.