

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

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VACCINES AGAINST MEASLES MUMPS AND CHICKEN POX

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

- (a) whether children undergo separate vaccinations against measles, mumps and chicken pox ;
- (b) if so, whether Government is considering to launch a vaccine that will protect children between 12 months and 12 years of age simultaneously against these diseases;
- (c) if so, whether the WHO has given its approval to the said vaccine ; and
- (d) if so, the time by which the said vaccine is likely to be launched in India?

Answer

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

(a) Under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) Government of India is providing vaccination to prevent six vaccine preventable diseases i.e. Tuberculosis, Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Polio, and Measles. The Mumps and Chicken Pox vaccination are not part of the above Immunization programme. The vaccination schedule as per the Universal Immunization Programme is as under:

BCG (Bacillus Calmetter-Guérin)- Birth

DPT (Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus Toxoid)- 6,10,14 weeks and at 18-24 months

OPV (Polio)- 6,10,14 weeks, 18-24 months and 0 dose for institutional delivery

Measles - 9-12 months

DT (Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoid) - 5 years

TT (Tetanus Toxoid) - 10 years and 16 years

TT - for pregnant woman two doses or one dose if previously vaccinated within 3 years

(b) The Measles vaccination to children is carried out under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP). Government is not considering to include Mumps and Chicken Pox vaccination under this programme.

(c) There is no approval of WHO for the said vaccine.

(d) In view of above question does not arise.