

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

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MEETING OF SENIOR OFFICIALS ON POLIO ERADICATION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any meeting of senior officers of Union Government and State Governments has been held recently in connection with eradication of polio programme;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (c) the follow up programme proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Sir, a meeting of State Officials and Senior Officers of the Union Government was held on 13th and 14th July, 2004 to review the progress in implementation of the polio eradication programme and Universal Immunization programme.
- (b) Detailed strategy to be adopted in the States for polio eradication programme and strengthening of routine immunization were discussed. The officials of the State Governments were requested to ensure 100% coverage of children under 5 years of age in the next immunization rounds to be held on 22nd August 2004, 10th October 2004 and 21st November 2004. In order to maintain high community immunity, States were advised to improve the routine immunization by identifying areas with low performance through proper micro planning, monitoring, supervision, vaccine logistic and reviews.
- (c) Regular review of the programme at the National and State level to identify the gaps in the implementation of the immunization programme and take corrective actions at appropriate levels.