

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:374

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POLIO CASES

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

(a) whether despite the efforts made by the Government under the Polio eradication programme, there has been increase in the number of polio cases during the current year;

(b) if so, the number of cases reported, State-wise; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 374 FOR 10TH MAY, 2006

Significant progress has been achieved in controlling the circulation of wild polio virus in the country. During 2006, only 26 polio cases (17 cases from Western Uttar Pradesh and 9 cases from Bihar) have been reported as on 8th May, 2006, as against 66 polio cases detected in 35 districts during the year 2005. Moreover, the circulation is limited to 14 districts only.

The number of polio cases reported during 2006, state-wise is tabulated below:-

State Number of cases reported (as on 8.5.2006)

Bihar	9
Uttar Pradesh	17
Total:	26

Although 26 polio cases have been detected so far during this year, the transmission of polio virus is very focal and is restricted to a few areas in central Bihar and a few districts in Western UP (6 districts in Bihar and 8 districts in Uttar Pradesh)

To achieve zero-transmission in near future, the following strategies for polio eradication are being adopted.

#Two National Immunization days (NIDs) in the entire country during April and May, 2006

#6 Sub National Immunization Days (SNIDs) in the high risk States and Districts in the country. Two SNIDs were conducted in January and February, 2006 and four rounds will be implemented between June to December, 2006.

# Use of monovalent oral polio vaccine type 1 (mOPV1) in areas of P1 virus circulation.

The Indian Expert Advisory Group (IEAG) on Polio in its meeting held on 4th and 5th May, 2006 has also been endorsed the above strategies.