

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

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RISING MEASLES CASES

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

- (a) whether there is any rising trend of measles cases in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore;
- (c) whether the Government is having any scheme to meet the challenge of measles among the children ;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which this is likely to start functioning?

Answer

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

(a) Yes sir.

(b) As per the Central Bureau of Health Investigation(CBHI) data the number of cases reported during last five year is as under:-

2002	40044
2003	46736
2004	55443
2005	53043
2006	56608

The rising trend of measles cases is due to low immunization coverage against Mealses.

(c) to (e) The Government of India has taken following steps under the Strengthening of Immunization Programme to meet the challenge of measles among the children:

- 1.Achieving high routine measles vaccination coverage of all infants at 9-12 months of age and providing measles vaccine to the unvaccinated children over 1 year upto 5 years at the earliest contact.
2. Effective measles surveillance and outbreak investigations that provides information about number of cases and deaths by month.
3. Improving management of measles cases, including vitamin A supplementation and adequate treatment of cases.