

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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POLIO CASES

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

- (a) the number of polio cases reported in the country during the last three years and the current year, State/Union Territorywise;
- (b) whether the Government has reviewed the polio eradication campaign and pulse polio programme in view of surfacing of the new polio cases;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated during the Eleventh Plan period for the eradication of polio;and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure judicious utilisation of funds and to prevent the recurrence of polio cases in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRVEDI)

(a): State/Union Territory-wise details of polio cases during the last three years and the current year, is at Annexure - I.

(b) & (c): India Expert Advisory Group (IEAG) on Polio Eradication, a body constituted by the Government of India which comprises of national and international experts in the field of epidemiology, public health and virology meets biannually to review the programme.

The Government of India has been following the recommendations of the IEAG.

Details of the funds sanctioned during the Eleventh Plan period for the eradication of polio is at Annexure – II

(d):

Polio vaccination rounds are conducted as per the advice of India Expert Advisory Group.

Two National Immunization Days (NIDs) are conducted every year for which children upto the age of 5 years are vaccinated.

Sub National Immunization Days (SNIDs) are conducted almost 5 to 7 times in UP, Bihar and other areas to cover high risk / migratory population.

Mop Up rounds are conducted in and around the area where a polio case is detected.

To immunize the population on the move, children at bus stands, market places, major congregation points, railway stations and moving trains are vaccinated.

Newborn tracking is done to vaccinate them during the polio campaigns.

Special plan has been chalked out to vaccinate children in high risk areas of Kosi Riverine Belt.