

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.386
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD APRIL, 2018
ON-TIME VACCINATION OF CHILDREN**

***386. DR. SANJAY SINH:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 72 per cent of children in the country are not getting vaccinated on time;

(b) if so, the reasons behind their not getting on-time immunisation;

(c) whether it is also a fact that almost 6 per cent of children of the country between the age group of 12-23 months have never been vaccinated at all;

(d) whether Government proposes for a special drive with adequate staff to make infant mortality rate down to zero from present 4.1 per cent; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA
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(a) As per the report of National Family Health Survey – 4 (2015-16), 62% children aged 12-23 months had received all basic vaccinations.

(b) The major reasons for children not getting immunization on time are lack of information about benefits of immunization, fear of Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFIs), child's absence on scheduled vaccination days etc.

(c) As per National Family Health Survey – 4 (2015-16), around six percent of the children aged 12-23 months had never been vaccinated.

(d) and (e) Government has launched Mission Indradhanush and Intensified Mission Indradhanush to reduce mortality and morbidity due to vaccine preventable diseases by increasing full immunization coverage to over 90%. Till 26th February 2018, around 3.14 crore children and 80.64 lakh pregnant women had been vaccinated in these drives.

The Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) is 34 per thousand live birth as per SRS 2016. Besides immunization, Government is implementing several initiatives to reduce Infant Mortality Rate (IMR). These include Facility Based New-Born Care (FBNC) through Special New Born Care Units (SNCUs), New Born Stabilization Units (NBSUs) and New Born Care Corners (NBCCs), Home Based New-born Care (HBNC), Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK), Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK), promotion of Infant & Young Child Feeding (IYCF), training on Integrated Management of Neonatal & Childhood Illness (IMNCI), organization of Integrated Diarrhea Control Fortnight (IDCF), Labour Room Quality Improvement Initiative (Laqshya) etc. The recently launched Poshan Mission will also help in reducing IMR.
