

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2164
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST JANUARY, 2019**

FUNDS FOR PUBLIC IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME

2164. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry is concerned that injectible Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine (IPV) will soon become more expensive and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether Government has approached international donors for financial help to support its public immunisation programme, including immunisation of infants using IPV;
- (c) if so, the amount of funds required over and above the budget allocated by Government to fund the public immunisation programme; and
- (d) whether there is a need to increase Government investment in healthcare and the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

- (a): Yes. Ministry is aware of the price rise for injectable Inactivated Polio Virus Vaccine (IPV). The recent price is 80% higher than the last procurement price (LPP)
- (b): Yes, Ministry has approached Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI) to partially support IPV.
- (c): Ministry has approached GAVI to compensate the price rise of IPV for next 3 years by providing IPV as a supply in kind to an extent of 50%.
- (d): Yes. As per the National Health Policy (NHP) 2017, it is proposed to raise public health expenditure to 2.5% of GDP.

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