

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2165
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST JANUARY, 2019**

GIRL CHILD MISSING OUT ON VACCINATION

2165. DR. SANTANU SEN:

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

- (a) whether Government are aware that a recent report by the Johns Hopkins University has stated that baby girls in India missed out on vaccination much more than baby boys; and
- (b) if so, the steps being taken to change this situation?

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

(a) &(b): The report by John Hopkins University has quoted historical data from National Family Health Survey (NFHS) -3 (2005-06) and a study localized in a small area of Delhi with a limited sample size that is not representative of the country.

As per the latest NFHS-4 (2015-16) data, 62.1% male children and 61.9% female children are fully immunized, which does not indicate a significant difference.

Universal Immunization Program is an equity based program under which vaccination is provided to all the beneficiaries irrespective of their religion, caste, region or gender.

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