

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2353
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21STMARCH 2023**

ROLL-OUT OF HPV VACCINES

2353: MS. DOLA SEN

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

- (a) the timeline of rolling out CERVAVAC vaccines for adolescent girls;
- (b) whether Government is planning to roll out HPV vaccines for teen boys in future; and
- (c) if so, details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

- (a) to (c) In June 2022, based on fresh evidence on disease burden, evidence on effectiveness of single dose of HPV vaccine, clinical trial data and experience of the Government of Sikkim on the introduction of HPV vaccine, National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (NTAGI) recommended the introduction of HPV vaccine in the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) with **“a one-time catch-up for 9–14-year-old adolescent girls followed with routine introduction at 9 years. The indigenously developed quadrivalent HPV vaccine may be considered for introduction in the UIP as a two- dose regimen as indicated in product insert. Immunization of boys is recommended once 80% routine immunization coverage is achieved in girls”**. The introduction & nationwide scale up is planned in a phased manner over a period of 3 to 4 years subject to the availability of sufficient vaccine doses.
