

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3125
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28th MARCH 2023**

VACCINES FOR CERVICAL CANCER

**3125. SHRI M. SHANMUGAM:
SHRI VAIKO:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to administer anti-cervical cancer (HPV) vaccine in girls, in the near future, in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the States to be covered; and
- (c) the steps taken to cover all eligible women for HPV vaccine in the near future in view of the fact that India accounts for 16 per cent of world's women population and the risk from cervical cancer is more?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c):

National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (NTAGI) is India's apex technical advisory body to advise Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on immunization. In June 2022, after the evaluation of the fresh evidence on cervical cancer 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 Program with a one-time catch-up for 9 to 14-year-old adolescent girls followed with routine introduction at 9 years.
