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

# RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.927 TO BE ANSWERED ON 03<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2024

### HPV AND SHINGLES VACCINATION

## 927. SHRI K.R. SURESH REDDY:

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

- (a) the most recent update on Government's introduction of HPV vaccination announced in Interim Budget 2024;
- (b) by when the free/subsidised vaccination would commence and the age groups to be covered;
- (c) the exact timeline for implementation of this vaccination;
- (d) whether there is a mechanism to evaluate and track the progress as cervical cancer has the highest global mortality in the country; and
- (e) whether Government is contemplating to introduce the Shingles vaccine in public health facilities and popularise its importance?

# ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) to (e) Under Universal Immunization Programme (UIP), 11 vaccines are provided against 12 Vaccine Preventable Diseases (VPDs). The HPV and Shingles vaccine, currently is not a part of the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP).