

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 281
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04TH FEBRUARY 2025**

HPV VACCINATION

281. # DR. LAXMIKANT BAJPAYEE:

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

- (a) the current status of Government's plan to introduce HPV Vaccine in Universal Immunization Programme;
- (b) the status of HPV Vaccination programme in different states, if so, the details thereof, State-wise
- (c) the cost of imported and indigenous HPV vaccines available in the country;
- (d) the estimated rate of HPV Vaccination in the country in last five years, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (e) the steps taken by Government to spread awareness about vaccination; and
- (f) whether Government has set any target for elimination of cervical cancer in the country, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE**

(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a), (c) & (e) The Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) provides 11 vaccines against 12 Vaccine Preventable Diseases (VPDs). However, the HPV vaccine is not a part of the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP).

(b) & (d) The HPV vaccine roll out is being implemented in the following states as on date:

- **Sikkim:** The Government of Sikkim introduced the HPV vaccination program in 2018, targeting girls aged 9-14 years.
- **Bihar:** The state introduced the HPV vaccination for girls aged 9 to 14 years under the Mukhyamantri Balika Cancer Immunization Scheme, from 6th October, 2024.

(f) There is no specific target for the elimination of cervical cancer in the country.
