

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1883
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16th DECEMBER 2025**

**IMMUNIZATION COVERAGE AMONG TRIBAL CHILDREN IN MAHARASHTRA
AND GUJARAT**

**1883. SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:
SHRI BABUBHAI JESANGBHAI DESAI:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken steps to improve immunization coverage among tribal children aged 0-5 years in Gujarat and Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the present immunization coverage among tribal children in those States, district-wise;
- (c) the special campaigns, outreach initiatives or mobile health teams deployed in tribal areas under UIP or Mission Indradhanush;
- (d) the challenges such as inaccessibility, hesitancy or shortage of health personnel and measures taken to address them;
- (e) whether Government is collaborating with NGOs and the outcomes; and
- (f) whether any audits or evaluations have been conducted in tribal areas and their findings?

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

(a), (c) and (d) The steps taken by the Government to improve the vaccination coverage across the country including tribal children 0-5 years of age in the State of Gujarat and Maharashtra are as follows:

- i. The Routine Immunization (RI) sessions as well as the outreach sessions are held as per the microplan in the respective States for all the eligible beneficiaries including tribal children.
- ii. Strategic interventions like advocacy, social mobilization, inter personal communication at family and community level along with media engagement are undertaken to strengthen demand generation.
- iii. Outreach sessions like Village Health and Nutrition Days (VHNDs) are held within community settings close to beneficiaries, to ensure equitable access to immunization services including vulnerable populations.

- iv. Mobile medical units and mobile immunization teams are also deployed in tribal areas to further extend the coverage.
- v. States/UTs have been provided with the flexibility of relaxing the norms of one ASHA per 1000 population to one ASHA per habitation in tribal /hilly and hard-to-reach areas.
- vi. Supplementary immunization activities, including catch-up campaigns are conducted in areas of low immunization coverage to vaccinate left out and drop out children.
- vii. 12 phases of Mission Indradhanush were conducted to improve the immunization coverage in the eligible beneficiaries who have missed their routine immunization doses.
- viii. Under the Pulse Polio programme, special vaccination campaigns such as National Immunization Day (NID) and Sub National Immunization Day (SNID) are conducted.
- ix. Under the PM-JANMAN (Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan), the PVTG (Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups) households and habitations are provided with routine immunization services by Mobile Medical Units.
- x. Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar Abhiyan was conducted between the period 17th September 2025 to 2nd October 2025, by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) and Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) which included immunization activities for the eligible beneficiaries.
- xi. Extensive Information, Education and Communication (IEC) initiatives are carried out through service broadcasters such as Doordarshan using media celebrities, radio jingles and You tube podcasts. Village elders and Gram Pradhans, from within the community serve as influential local figures for demand generation.

(b) The district-wise Full Immunization Coverage (FIC) in the State of Gujarat and Maharashtra for the current FY 2025-26, including tribal districts, is placed at Annexure 1 and 2 respectively.

(e) As per the information received from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (NGO Division), the Government is collaborating with Non-Government Organizations working for welfare of Scheduled Tribes. The details of the outcome of these collaboration is placed at Annexure 3.

(f) National Family Health Survey (NFHS) is a third party evaluation, conducted across the country including tribal districts. The Full Immunization Coverage as per the latest NFHS - 5 (2019-21) survey for the state of Maharashtra and Gujarat is 74.7% and 80.2% respectively.

Annexure 1

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.1883
for reply on 16th December 2025**

District-wise % Full Immunization Coverage for the State of Gujarat including tribal districts for the FY 2025-26			
S. No.	State	District	Full Immunization Coverage
-	Gujarat	Total	102.2
1	Gujarat	Ahmedabad	97.9
2	Gujarat	Amreli	113.6
3	Gujarat	Anand	92.2
4	Gujarat	Arvalli	119.4
5	Gujarat	Banas Kantha	98.0
6	Gujarat	Bharuch	101.5
7	Gujarat	Bhavnagar	120.1
8	Gujarat	Botad	94.4
9	Gujarat	Chhotaudepur	115.7
10	Gujarat	Dang	93.0
11	Gujarat	Devbhumi Dwarka	103.5
12	Gujarat	Dohad	97.0
13	Gujarat	Gandhinagar	98.4
14	Gujarat	Gir Somnath	110.5
15	Gujarat	Jamnagar	103.4
16	Gujarat	Junagadh	114.9
17	Gujarat	Kachchh	109.5
18	Gujarat	Kheda	107.1
19	Gujarat	Mahesana	100.2
20	Gujarat	Mahisagar	104.8
21	Gujarat	Morbi	107.1
22	Gujarat	Narmada	92.9
23	Gujarat	Navsari	110.7
24	Gujarat	Panch Mahals	94.9
25	Gujarat	Patan	102.0
26	Gujarat	Porbandar	119.9
27	Gujarat	Rajkot	91.6
28	Gujarat	Sabar Kantha	99.4
29	Gujarat	Surat	99.0
30	Gujarat	Surendranagar	105.2
31	Gujarat	Tapi	100.8
32	Gujarat	Vadodara	109.1
33	Gujarat	Valsad	101.3

Annexure 2

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.1883
for reply on 16th December 2025**

District-wise % Full Immunization Coverage for the State of Maharashtra including tribal districts for the FY 2025-26			
S. No	State	District	Full Immunization Coverage
-	Maharashtra	Total	98.9
1	Maharashtra	Ahmednagar	96.9
2	Maharashtra	Akola	96.9
3	Maharashtra	Amravati	103.0
4	Maharashtra	Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar	92.4
5	Maharashtra	Beed	92.3
6	Maharashtra	Bhandara	71.2
7	Maharashtra	Buldhana	85.6
8	Maharashtra	Chandrapur	82.8
9	Maharashtra	Dhule	119.5
10	Maharashtra	Gadchiroli	93.5
11	Maharashtra	Gondia	79.6
12	Maharashtra	Hingoli	89.9
13	Maharashtra	Jalgaon	102.6
14	Maharashtra	Jalna	97.7
15	Maharashtra	Kolhapur	95.1
16	Maharashtra	Latur	105.5
17	Maharashtra	Mumbai	73.4
18	Maharashtra	Mumbai Suburban	71.5
19	Maharashtra	Nagpur	115.7
20	Maharashtra	Nanded	100.5
21	Maharashtra	Nandurbar	101.1
22	Maharashtra	Nashik	95.4
23	Maharashtra	Dharashiv	99.9
24	Maharashtra	Palghar	130.7
25	Maharashtra	Parbhani	107.2
26	Maharashtra	Pune	117.1
27	Maharashtra	Raigad	112.9
28	Maharashtra	Ratnagiri	58.4
29	Maharashtra	Sangli	100.3
30	Maharashtra	Satara	95.6
31	Maharashtra	Sindhudurg	54.4
32	Maharashtra	Solapur	95.5
33	Maharashtra	Thane	119.9
34	Maharashtra	Wardha	78.6
35	Maharashtra	Washim	86.3
36	Maharashtra	Yavatmal	91.8

HMIS data from April-October 2025 as on 21/11/2025

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (e) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.1883
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Details of the number of projects and beneficiaries under the scheme of 'grant-in-aid to voluntary organizations working for the welfare of scheduled tribes'				
S.NO	State	Project	Total No. Projects	Total No. of Beneficiaries
1	GUJARAT	Grant in Aid - 10 or more bedded hospital	1	18244
		Grant in Aid - Mobile dispensary/multi service mobile units	4	50673
2	MAHARASHTRA	Grant in Aid - 10 or more bedded hospital	2	24603
		Grant in Aid - Mobile dispensary/multi service mobile units	1	8689