

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1226
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10th FEBRUARY, 2026**

FREE VACCINE FOR CERVICAL CANCER IN THE COUNTRY

1226. SHRI SANJAY KUMAR JHA

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that in 2020, Cervical Cancer was the second-most common cancer among women in the country, both incidence (18.3 per cent) and cancer mortality (18.7 percent) with a five-year prevalence of 18.8 per cent;
- (b) if so, whether it is possible for the Ministry to frame a policy to provide free cervical cancer vaccine to girls/women aged 9 to 14 years in all States/UTs of the country; and
- (c) if so, by when such a policy intervention would be framed and implemented?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine is not a part of the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP). However, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has initiated the capacity building exercise of medical and para medical staff for the cervical cancer vaccine.
