

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2830  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026**

**HPV VACCINATION PROGRAMME**

**2830. SHRI KARTIKEYA SHARMA :  
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR :**

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

- (a) whether Government has launched a nationwide free HPV vaccination programme for adolescent girls and if so, the details thereof including targeted age group, coverage plan and fund allocation;
- (b) the delivery strategy proposed for administering the vaccine, including the role of schools, primary health centres, frontline health workers and State Governments in ensuring coverage; and
- (c) the financial outlay, procurement and rollout strategy, along with the target set for completion of the vaccination programme, measures for awareness generation, informed consent and equitable access, particularly in rural and aspirational districts?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) The Nationwide HPV vaccination campaign was launched on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026, targeting approximately 1.2 crore girls aged 14 years across all 36 States and Union Territories. The vaccine is administered at designated Government health facilities including Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAMs) - Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs), Sub-District Hospitals (SDHs), District Hospitals (DHs) and Government Medical Colleges and Hospitals (GMCHs) across all areas including rural and aspirational districts. The HPV vaccination is voluntary and obtaining consent from the parent/ guardian is mandatory before vaccination of girls. Beneficiaries may self-register on U-WIN or get pre-registered themselves with the help of health worker and schedule an appointment for HPV vaccination. They can also walk in and get on-site registration for HPV vaccination using the digital U-WIN platform.

To ensure uninterrupted supply and uncompromised quality, the Government of India has secured HPV vaccine supplies through a transparent and globally supported procurement mechanism in partnership with GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance. The vaccines used in the national programme are approved by India's drug regulator and meet stringent quality and cold-chain standards. Awareness is being promoted through IEC materials such as radio jingles, posters and banners, myth-busting digital content and use of social media platforms to provide accurate information, address misconceptions and ensure equitable access, including in rural and aspirational districts.