

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3627
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th MARCH 2026**

STEPS TO PREVENT CERVICAL CANCER

3627. SHRI JAGGESH :

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to introduce free Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination as part of its efforts to prevent cervical cancer in the country;
- (b) whether the upcoming HPV immunisation initiative is intended to cover adolescent girls, particularly those aged 14 years;
- (c) whether the vaccination programme will be implemented through government hospitals, primary health centres and other public health institutions;
- (d) whether Government has ensured procurement and availability of the required HPV vaccine doses and adopted a single-dose regimen based on expert advice; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e) The Nationwide free HPV vaccination campaign was launched on 28th February 2026 for approximately 1.2 crore eligible beneficiary girls aged 14 years across all 36 States and Union Territories. The rollout was preceded by NTAGI guidance and training of medical officers and para medical staff has been completed. Single-dose of HPV vaccine is administered free of cost at government health facilities, including Ayushman Arogya Mandirs- Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centers (CHCs), Sub-District Hospitals (SDH)/District Hospitals (DHs) & Government Medical Colleges (GMCs). The Government of India has secured HPV vaccine as kind support from GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance.
