

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3638
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th MARCH 2026**

**NATIONWIDE HPV VACCINATION PROGRAMME FOR PREVENTION OF CERVICAL
CANCER**

3638. DR. MEDHA VISHRAM KULKARNI :

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

- (a) whether the Prime Minister has launched a nationwide Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination Programme for prevention of cervical cancer among adolescent girls in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the target beneficiaries including the number of girls proposed to be covered annually across States and Union Territories;
- (c) whether the vaccine is being administered free of cost through Government health facilities including Ayushman Arogya Mandirs; and
- (d) if so, the details of implementation strategy, progress achieved so far and the steps taken to integrate the programme into the routine immunisation system?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) The Hon'ble Prime Minister has launched Nationwide free HPV vaccination campaign on 28th February 2026 for approximately 1.2 crore eligible beneficiary girls aged 14 years across all 36 States and Union Territories. The 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) in presence of medical officer. Training of medical and paramedical staff across all 36 States/UTs in the country has been completed. HPV vaccination is voluntary and parental consent is mandatory before administration of vaccine. As on 19th March 2026, a total of 4,09,794 girls have been administered the HPV vaccine.
