

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2784
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND DECEMBER, 2016**

POLIO CASES

2784. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

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

- (a) whether the cases of Polio have increased in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to discontinue the pulse polio programme and substitute it with any other campaign regarding detection and eradication of disease;
- (d) the names of the diseases with regard to which most number of patients are being registered across the country; and
- (e) whether the Government is considering to launch a special campaign for controlling such diseases and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)**

- (a): No, in-fact there is no reported wild polio case for more than 5 years in the country after last case of wild poliovirus case reported on 13 January 2011.
- (b): In view of the above, question does not arise
- (c): No, there is no proposal to discontinue the pulse polio programme as per recommendations of Indian Expert Advisory Group for Polio Eradication.
- (d) & (e): As per the reports received from Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI), maximum number of cases are reported for Acute Respiratory Infection.

Government has launched the Haemophilus Influenzae Type b (Hib) containing pentavalent vaccine under routine immunization. Hib vaccine in pentavalent will prevent pneumonia due to Hib infection. Further routine immunization has been strengthened through Mission Indradhanush to improve coverage.

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