

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2266
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH JULY, 2017**

IMMUNISATION AGAINST MEASLES AND RUBELLA

2266. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has started any special campaign apart from the routine immunisation to eliminate measles and rubella by the year 2020;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the targeted areas the Government has chosen on priority to start with?

ANSWER

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

- (a): Yes, the Government has started Measles-Rubella campaign apart from routine immunization to eliminate measles and rubella by the year 2020.
- (b): National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (NTAGI) recommended Measles-Rubella vaccination campaign, targeting children in the age group of 9 months to less than 15 years, followed by introduction of Measles-Rubella vaccine in the routine immunization as two doses replacing the measles vaccine already in the programme. In routine, the first dose of Measles-Rubella vaccine is to be given at 9-12 months and the second dose at 16 -24 months of the age of the child.
- (c): Measles-Rubella campaign started in February 2017 from 5 states/UTs, namely, Goa, Karnataka, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu.