

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3029  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2018**

**HPV VACCINE**

**3029. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to introduce HPV vaccine under the universal immunisation programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the said vaccine will help in preventing cervical cancer and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a): Currently there are no plans to introduce Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine in the Universal Immunization Programme.

(b): In view of above, the question does not arise.

(c): Yes, Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine will help in preventing cervical cancer. Long term infection with HPV type 16 and HPV type 18 are associated with 80-83% of cervical cancer. As per World Health Organisation (WHO) position paper on HPV vaccine, published in May 2017, available HPV vaccines are helpful in prevention of cervical cancer.