

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2316
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH MARCH, 2018**

ROTAVIRUS VACCINE

2316. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

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

- (a) whether the Government had launched Rotavirus vaccine in the year 2016 to prevent Rotavirus Diarrhoea;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the extent to which Rotavirus Diarrhoea has been prevented by using Rotavirus vaccine; and
- (d) the reaction of the Government in this regard?

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

- (a): Yes, the Government had launched Rotavirus vaccine in the year 2016 to prevent Rotavirus Diarrhoea.
- (b): Rotavirus vaccine has been introduced in 9 states namely Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Assam, Tripura and Tamil Nadu.
- (c) & (d): Rotavirus vaccine has been administered to about 1.41 crores children across these nine states (as on February 2018).

In India as per available scientific data Rotavirus diarrhoea causes about 78,000 deaths, 8.72 lakh hospitalization and about 32.7 lakh outpatient visits each year in children under 5 years of age.

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