

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1695
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH JULY, 2018**

TOTAL IMMUNISATION

1695. SHRI HARI MANJHI:

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

- (a) whether lakhs of children either remain deprived of vaccination or are partially vaccinated through general immunisation programme in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to achieve the target of total immunisation under 'Indradhanush' mission?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): As per the report of National Family Health Survey - 4 (NFHS-4) 2015-16, 38% of the children in our country are unvaccinated or partially vaccinated. The major reasons for children not getting full immunization are lack of information about benefits of immunization, fear of Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFIs), child's absence of schedule vaccination days etc.

(c): Government has launched Mission Indradhanush to increase full immunization coverage to 90% by December 2018. Under this drive, head-count survey is undertaken to identify the children and pregnant women who are unvaccinated and partially vaccinated who are provided immunization services through special immunization drives held under his mission. A mix of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities are also carried out under this drive to increase awareness on benefits of immunization and to mobilize such children and pregnant women for immunization.

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