

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 516
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH JULY, 2018**

VACCINATION OF CHILDREN

516. SHRI KANWAR SINGH TANWAR:

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

- (a) whether many children in the country are not getting vaccinated on time;
- (b) if so, the details and the reasons for the same;
- (c) whether almost 6 per cent of children of the country between the age group of 12-23 months have never been vaccinated;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes for a special drive with adequate staff to make vaccination on time and if so, the details thereof?

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

- (a): As per the report of National Family Health Survey-4 (NFHS-4) 2015-16, 62% of the children are fully immunized.
- (b): The major reasons for children not getting immunization on time are lack of information about benefits of immunization, fear of Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFIs), child's absence of schedule vaccination days etc.
- (c) & (d): Yes, as per National Family Health Survey – 4 (2015-16), around six percent of the children aged 12-23 months has never been vaccinated.
- (e): Government has launched Mission Indradhanush to increase full immunization coverage to 90% by December 2018. As on 16th July 2018, under the various phases of Mission Indradhanush (including Intensified Mission Indradhanush and Mission Indradhanush under Gram Swaraj Abhiyan), around 3.19 crore children and 81.78 lakh pregnant women have been vaccinated.

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