

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2955
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH DECEMBER, 2018**

GENDER GAP IN IMMUNISATION

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

(a) whether full immunization coverage in India has not succeeded in closing the gender gap, as only 78 females were fully immunized for every 100 males in poorer areas, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government for complete immunization without any gender discrimination; and

(c) the number of deaths of children under the age of five due to diarrhea and pneumonia from the year 2014 to 2018, year-wise/State-wise?

**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 (NFHS) – 4 (2015-16), the full immunization coverage in India for males is 62.1% and for females is 61.9% thereby showing no gender gap.

(b): Universal Immunization Program is an equity based program under which vaccination is provided to all the beneficiaries irrespective of their religion, caste, region or gender.

(c): As per Sample Registration System (SRS) data for 2010 – 2013, around 18.2% deaths among age 1-4 years happen due to pneumonia and 17.9% of deaths happen due to diarrhea. The state – wise details of such deaths are not reported.