

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3269
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH JULY, 2019**

POLIO VIRUS

3269. SHRI BALAK NATH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has completely eliminated polio virus from the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to continue the polio immunization progress and keep a constant vigil to ensure that the virus does not reappear in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a): Yes, the wild polio virus has been completely eliminated from the country.
- (b): The last case of wild polio virus was reported on 13th January 2011 in West Bengal.
- (c) & (d): Yes, as per the recommendation of India Expert Advisory Group (IEAG) on Polio, Government is continuing the following activity (i) Maintaining Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) surveillance to detect any polio case (ii) Environmental surveillance to identify any polio virus circulating in swage (iii) Population immunity against polio is maintained through national and sub-national Polio Immunization rounds. (iv) In addition, population immunity is also maintained through Routine Immunization which has further been strengthened through implementation of Mission Indradhanush (MI), Intensified MI, Gram Swaraj Abhiyan and extended Gram Swaraj Abhiyan. (v) Polio vaccination to international traveller travelling to and from polio endemic countries.

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