

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4525
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH JULY, 2019**

CERVICAL CANCER

**4525. SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA:
SHRI HIBI EDEN:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken cognizance that the number of women diagnosed with cervical cancer is on the rise, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has scrutinized the issue of under-use of Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccination which helps to prevent cervical cancer and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to make this vaccination mandatory and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government is taking any help from NGOs and international organization like WHO to prevent the said disease; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a): Based on the Indian Council of Medical Research's Cancer Registry "Three-year Report of Population Based Cancer Registries: 2012-2014, Bengaluru, 2016:", decrease in incidence rate for cervical cancer is seen across all registries.

(b) to (e): National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (NTAGI) is India's apex technical advisory body to make recommendations for inclusion of any new vaccine in country's Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP). NTAGI has recommended that the inclusion of specific HPV vaccines in the programme is subject to the outcome of pending Supreme Court judgement. Two writ petitions on this matter are subjudice.

World Health Organisation (WHO) supports the initiatives of Government. Consultations on different health issues are also held with various stakeholders, including Non-governmental organizations (NGOs). The financing of NGO activities under the National Health Mission is through the State Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs).