

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 4019**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2023

**IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME UNDER ICDS**

4019: SHRI MADDILA GURUMOORTHY:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether immunisation programme is one of the key features of the ICDS, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to improve coordination to implement the same between health personnel and anganwadi workers?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b) Immunization programme is one of the six services provided under Anganwadi Services through National Health Mission (NHM) & Public Health Infrastructure. The guidelines of the Scheme stipulate that Anganwadi Workers (AWW) assist the PHC staff in the implementation of the health component of the programme, viz. immunization and health check-up, ante-natal and post-natal check etc. Anganwadi Worker functions as depot holder for RCH Kit/contraceptives and disposable delivery kits. Actual distribution of delivery kits or administration of drugs, other than OTC (Over the Counter) drugs is carried out by the ANM or ASHA. AWW also supports in organizing Pulse Polio Immunization (PPI) drives and in identifying cases of juvenile diabetes. Further, one of the important components of the Scheme for convergence with the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is integration of Poshan Tracker app with the RCH portal for seamless operation.

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