

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4064  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023**

**INACTIVATED POLIO VACCINE DOSE**

**4064: SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched a fractional 3rd dose for Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV) in India from January 2023 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the specific reasons on the introduction of the said additional 3rd dose;
- (c) whether the Government has communicated to all the States and UTs about the roll-out of the additional FIPV and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the necessary steps taken to ensure adequate supplies of the said vaccine dose keeping in view the additional demand that may come from the States/UT?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE  
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

- (a) India has introduced a 3<sup>rd</sup> dose of fractional IPV under the Universal Immunization Programme across all States /UTs from January 2023.
- (b) The introduction has been made in view of the recommendation of India Expert Advisory Group for Polio Eradication (IEAG) and further by National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (NTAGI) as the schedule offers better seroconversion.
- (c) Operational guideline has been issued to all States/UTs and programme officers have been oriented on the same.
- (d) The consumption of f-IPV vaccine is monitored regularly and adequate stock is maintained at States /UTs, while buffer stock is maintained at Government Medical State Depot (GMSD) level.

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