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

## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4088 TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023

#### IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMME IN TRIBAL AREAS

#### 4088: SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA:

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

- (a) whether the Governmenthas taken cognizance of need for robust immunization programmesin the tribal areas of Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry is planning to introduce any scheme to ease access to routine immunization facilities to the tribal population;
- (d) if so, details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **ANSWER**

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

(a) to (e) Under Universal Immunization Programme (UIP), Routine Immunization services are provided to all eligible children and pregnant women including tribal population across all States/UTs. Routine Immunization sessions are conducted at fixed sites as well as in outreach areas to ensure easy accessibility to all beneficiaries including marginalized and tribal population. Besides Routine Immunization sessions, special catch- up campaign under Mission Indradhanush are conducted at frequent intervals in pockets of low vaccination coverage like hard to reach and tribal areas to identify and vaccinate all eligible children and pregnant women who have missed their vaccine doses.

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