

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3696
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH AUGUST 2023**

INCREASE IN IMMUNIZATION COVERAGE

3696: SHRI M.V.V. SATYANARAYANA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that certain States in the country have less than 60% full immunization coverage and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take special steps/measures to increase the immunization coverage in the States that are lagging;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure 100% immunization across all States in the country?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE**

(PROF. SATYA PAL SINGH BAGHEL)

(a) to (d) As per the Health Management Information System (HMIS) for the year 2022-23, only one Union Territory i.e. Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu has Full Immunization Coverage of less than 60%, at 51.2%. However, following steps have been taken by the Government to ensure that all States/UTs achieve 100 percent immunization coverage:

- Continuous efforts to strengthen Routine Immunization with interventions like headcount survey and micro planning are undertaken at frequent intervals. Additionally, regular reviews are conducted at the State and district level involving various stakeholders.
- Special catch up campaigns such as Mission Indradhanush are carried out at regular frequency in the areas of low coverage to vaccinate all the children left out and dropped out from Routine Immunization services.
- Robust Information, Education and Communication activities are carried out to generate awareness about the programme among general public to address vaccine hesitancy and increasing vaccination uptake.