

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3862
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH AUGUST 2023**

INCREASE IN MEASLES CASES

3862: SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the information shared by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which states that India has the highest number of measles cases in the world between April and September 2022;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has been keeping track of the deaths that occurred due to measles and if so, the details thereof along with the number of deaths across the country including Uttar Pradesh; and
- (d) the details of the population covered under vaccination against such disease and the number of vaccination campaigns that have taken place so far in the country?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(PROF. SATYA PAL SINGH BAGHEL)**

- (a) to (c) US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), regularly updates the data related to outbreaks of diseases. A total of 99 deaths have been reported in the year 2022-23 across the country, to have occurred due to measles including 17 deaths in Uttar Pradesh as per the information provided by the States/UTs.
- (d) Under Universal Immunization Programme (UIP), a total of 2.4 crore children have been administered two doses of the Measles and Rubella Vaccine in the year 2022-23 (as per HMIS). Besides this, a nationwide Measles and Rubella Vaccination campaign has been conducted wherein children in the age group of 9 months to 15 years were vaccinated with an additional dose of Measles and Rubella Vaccine. Additionally, States/UTs reporting Measles outbreaks have conducted Outbreak Response Immunization (ORI) and Supplementary Immunization Activities (SIA) to increase the coverage of the vaccine and contain outbreaks.
