

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 91
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8TH DECEMBER, 2023**

IMMUNISATION FOR MEASLES

***91. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:
SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:**

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

- (a) whether as per the report of WHO and US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, an estimated 11 lakh children in India missed their first measles vaccine dose in 2022;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, along with the response of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has fixed any responsibility in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has requested the States to carry out supplementary immunization activities and outbreak response immunization and if so, the response of the State Governments thereon;
- (e) whether the catch-up vaccination age for the administration of MCV has been increased from two to five years in the periodic immunisation intensification activities in the country, if so, the details thereof including the Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 3.0, 4.0 and 5.0; and
- (f) the steps taken/being taken to ensure that all children receive missed/due doses of MCV in the country?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(DR MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) to (c): While World Health Organization (WHO) publishes various reports on Immunization, under Universal Immunization Programme (UIP), data regarding Measles Containing Vaccines (MCV) administered free of cost to all eligible children is captured in Health Management Information System (HMIS). As per HMIS, a total of 2,63,63,270 children received 1st dose of MCV throughout the country against the estimated target of 2,63,84,580 children in the period between April 2022 to March 2023.

(d) to (f): Following steps are taken by the Government in coordination with the States/UTs to ensure that all eligible children receive missed/due doses of vaccines including MCV:

- Guidance has been issued to all States /UTs to ensure that all children receive missed/due doses of MCV in the country.
- Special catch up campaigns of Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) are carried out in areas of low immunization coverage to vaccinate all unvaccinated/partially vaccinated children with missed/due doses of vaccines including MCV.
- IMI 3.0 and IMI 4.0 were carried out in selected districts with low immunization coverage whereas IMI 5.0 was carried out in all districts of the country. Details of total number of children vaccinated in IMI 3.0, 4.0 and 5.0 are placed at Annexure 1.
- In IMI 5.0, the age for administration of missed dose of MCV was increased from 2 years to 5 years.
- Additionally, States/UTs have conducted Outbreak Response Immunization (ORI) and Supplementary Immunization Activities (SIA) to increase the coverage of MCV.

Annexure 1

Total number of children vaccinated in Intensified Mission Indradhanush 3.0, 4.0 and 5.0:

S.No.	Intensified Mission Indradhanush rounds	Districts covered	Total number of Children Vaccinated
1.	IMI-3.0 Feb 2021-April 2021	236	9,58,343
2.	IMI-4.0 Feb 2022-May 2022	416	59,99,158
3.	IMI-5.0* Aug-Oct 2023	765	95,62,554

Data source- Immunization Technical Support Unit (ITSU)

*Data is provisional.
