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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3183 TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH DECEMBER, 2019

NTAGI

3183. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SHARMA:

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

(a) whether the National Immunization Schedule (NIS) does not make vaccines for the Pneumococcal Cojugate, Rotavirus and Japanese Encephalitis (JE) available for all the States/ UTs despite several reports and the recommendations by both the World Health Organisation and the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (NTAGI);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to take steps to address this issue?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a) & (b): Under Universal Immunization Program Rotavirus vaccine is provided to all States/UTs and Japanese Encephalitis vaccine is provided in 231 endemic districts of 21 States/UTs where JE cases has been reported. Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) has been introduced under the programme in a phase manner starting from May 2017. As on December 2019 it is in five States of Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, 18 districts of Rajasthan and 19 districts of Uttar Pradesh.

(c): In view of above reply question does not arise.