

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.988  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

**UNIVERSAL IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMME (UIP)**

**988. SHRI ADALA PRABHAKARA REDDY  
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently launched the nationwide expansion of Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this nationwide rollout will be helpful in reducing Child Mortality Rate; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d) Government has rolled out nationwide coverage of the Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) under Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) in 2021-22.

Nationwide rollout of Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) leads to significant reduction in child mortality as it provides protection against Pneumococcal disease which is one of the leading cause of vaccine preventable deaths among children under five years of age.