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 3rd DECEMBER 2021

UNIVERSAL IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMME (UIP)

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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.