

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1706  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022**

**INCREASING COVERAGE OF CURRENTLY LICENSED VACCINES**

**1706. SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN**

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

- (a) whether the Government is cognizant that illnesses, hospitalizations and deaths in all age groups can be prevented by increasing coverage of currently licensed vaccines which curbs pneumonia and related complications;
- (b) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard so far; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) to (c) The Government is cognizant that illnesses, hospitalizations and deaths can be prevented by increasing coverage of currently licensed vaccines which curbs pneumonia and related complications. Under Universal Immunization Programme (UIP), Pentavalent vaccine (including Diphtheria, pertussis and Haemophilus Influenzae b), Measles Rubella (MR) vaccine, and Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) are provided free of cost to all eligible beneficiaries across all States/UTs as per National Immunization Schedule to prevent pneumonia. Special vaccination drives like Mission Indradhanush (MI) and Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI), are carried out to reach the left out and drop out children from vaccination.

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