

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3229  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2022**

**INCOMPLETE VACCINATION OF CHILDREN**

**3229: SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL  
SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL  
SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE  
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA**

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

- (a) whether a large number of children below five years have not been administered regular vaccines such as diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, etc due to deployment of Doctors/healthcare workers on COVID-19 pandemic duty ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to run any special campaign to make the vaccination process smooth and complete the vaccination of the children whose vaccination cycle remain incomplete; 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) & (b):** Universal Immunization Programme is implemented during the COVID pandemic as it was declared an essential service. Guidelines to conduct immunization services during the COVID-19 pandemic and along with COVID vaccination, were issued to States and Union Territories to ensure uninterrupted routine immunization activities, while adhering to COVID appropriate behavior. Most of the eligible children were vaccinated during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**(c) & (d):** Special campaign of Intensified Mission Indradhanush(IMI) 3.0 in Feb 2021 to April 2021 and IMI 4.0 in Feb 2022 till May 2022, were carried out to cover unvaccinated and partially vaccinated children who were missed/drop out during routine immunization. The total number of children vaccinated during IMI 3.0 was 9,58,343 and IMI 4.0 was 59,99,158. (IMI 4.0 figures also include the routine immunization coverage)