

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 273
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 9TH AUGUST, 2024**

IMMUNIZATION OF CHILDREN

***273 SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:**

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

- (a) the corrective measures being taken by the Government to ensure immunization of children who have not received a vaccination ever and those who have received a first dose to receive follow-up doses as well;
- (b) the details of specific strategies employed to target States with low immunization coverage;
- (c) whether collaborations with International organisations are in place to improve immunization coverage and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of central funds allocated towards increasing immunization coverage and utilisation rates for the same, State-wise?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) & (b)

1. India's Immunization Programme is the largest Public Health Initiative globally, with an annual target of 2.6 crore children and 2.9 crore pregnant women through 1.3 crore Vaccination session. With a Full Immunization Coverage of 93.5%, India has consistently maintained very high Full Immunization coverage of >90% since FY 2019-20.

2. Given the large population size, India has the highest number of vaccinated children globally across the countries. 2.5 crore out of the target of 2.6 crore children have been fully immunized in FY 2023-24.

3. The following steps are taken by the government in coordination with the States/UTs to ensure that all eligible children receive missed /due doses of vaccines.

- Zero Dose Implementation Plan 2024, has been developed for 143 districts in 11 states that have a high number of unvaccinated children.
- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) has developed the UWIN portal for the registration and recording of all vaccination events of children and pregnant women.
- Mission Indradhanush (MI)/ Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI), a special vaccination campaign, has been done in collaboration with states having high number of unvaccinated children. Till 2023 the country has done 12 phases of MI/IMI where a total of 5.46 crore children and 1.32 crore pregnant women have been vaccinated Nationwide.

- National Immunization days (NIDs) and Sub National Immunization days (SNIDs) for Pulse Polio program are special vaccination campaigns carried out every year. India has been maintaining polio free status since 2014 onwards.
- Hosting of VHND (Village Health and Nutrition Day) on designated days for Immunization activities.
- State task force on Immunization (STFI), District task force on Immunization (DTFI) and Block task force on immunization (BTFI) ensure effective implementation of the drives which are regularly taken.
- Regular information education and communication campaigns are undertaken.

(c) Government of India collaborates with International Organizations to provide technical assistance for improving immunization coverage.

(d) The details of state wise expenditure towards immunization for FY 2023-24 is given in the annexure 1.

Annexure 1

**State/UT-wise Expenditure on Immunization under National Health Mission
(NHM) for FY 2023-24**

(Rs. in Lakhs)

SI No	States/UTs	Expenditure
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	10.76
2	Andhra Pradesh	4,090.56
3	Arunachal Pradesh	376.66
4	Assam	5,020.41
5	Bihar	10,631.42
6	Chandigarh	25.39
7	Chhattisgarh	1,862.78
8	Dadra Nagar Haveli & Daman Diu	14.79
9	Delhi	963.11
10	Goa	61.75
11	Gujarat	7,632.67
12	Haryana	2,226.99
13	Himachal Pradesh	372.58
14	Jammu and Kashmir	355.39
15	Jharkhand	6,566.44
16	Karnataka	2,741.05
17	Kerala	1,295.72
18	Lakshadweep	14.05
19	Madhya Pradesh	9,154.97
20	Maharashtra	7,044.62
21	Manipur	139.05

22	Meghalaya	640.21
23	Mizoram	69.83
24	Nagaland	187.66
25	Odisha	3,429.89
26	Puducherry	50.12
27	Punjab	2,644.97
28	Rajasthan	5,319.58
29	Sikkim	50.9
30	Tamil Nadu	993.88
31	Telangana	1,429.79
32	Tripura	348.63
33	Uttar Pradesh	29,967.26
34	Uttarakhand	1,165.85
35	West Bengal	7,027.15
36	Ladakh	26.54

Note:

1. Expenditure includes expenditure against Central Release, State share & unspent balances at the beginning of the year.
2. Expenditure is as per the available Financial Management Reports submitted by State/UTs and are provisional
