

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3045  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2024**

**VACCINATION OF CHILDREN**

**3045. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:**

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

- (a) whether as per UNICEF report, 16 lakh children had not received any vaccine during 2023 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether such figures are taken from States and reported to the WHO and UNICEF, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the manner in which the Government takes these matters;
- (d) the manner in which Mission Indradhanush is helping address the issue of vaccination; and
- (e) the efforts being made by Government to ensure that all children are vaccinated in 2024?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE  
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) 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.

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.

**(b)** The reported data from Health Management Information System (HMIS) on Immunization coverage in India is shared with WHO/ UNICEF annually on the electronic joint reporting format.

**(c) to (e)** 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.

1. Zero Dose Implementation Plan 2024, has been developed for 143 districts in 11 states that have a high number of unvaccinated children.
2. Mission Indradhanush (MI)/ Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) are special vaccination campaign which 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.
3. National Immunization days (NIDs) and Sub National Immunization days (SNIDs) for Pulse Polio program are special vaccination campaign carried out every year. India has been maintaining polio free status since 2014 onwards.
4. Hosting of VHND (Village Health and Nutrition Day) on designated days for Immunization activities.
5. 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.
6. Regular information education and communication campaigns are undertaken.

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