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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2006 TO BE ANSWERED ON 6th DECEMBER, 2024

HPV VACCINATION

2006. DR. PRABHA MALLIKARJUN:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India has one of the highest rates of cervical cancer in the world and Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is the primary cause and vaccinating early, reduces risk by 90% and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the action taken by the Government to increase/administer the HPV vaccine among girls helps to create a healthier society, reducing costs and helping our healthcare resources reach more people in need;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of the likely time by which the HPV will be rolled out in the country?

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

(a) to (d): As per the Indian Council of Medical Research's National Cancer Registry Programme (ICMR-NCRP), the estimated number of incidences of cervical cancer is 81121 cases in the country during the year 2023-2024. Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine is not a part of the Universal Immunization Program.
