

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4354
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH DECEMBER 2024**

IMMUNIZATION COVERAGE FOR TRIBAL CHILDREN

4354. SHRI APPALANAIDU KALISETTI:

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

- (a) the details of immunization coverage for tribal children in the age group of 0-6 years and the immunization coverage for non-tribal children in the same age group in the country, State/UT- wise;
- (b) whether there is any disparities between the two groups and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the factors contributing to lower immunization rates among tribal children;
- (d) the other steps taken by the Government to improve immunization coverage among tribal children for the age group of 0-6 years, particularly in remote or underserved areas; and
- (e) the number of tribal children who have received immunization under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) in the country during the last three years, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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(a) to (c) and (e) Under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP), eleven (11) vaccines are provided free of cost to protect against twelve (12) Vaccine Preventable Diseases to all children of 0 to 5 years, 10 years and 16 years of age, across all districts of the country including tribal and non-tribal areas. The State/UT-wise percentage of Full Immunization Coverage (FIC) for the last three years are attached at Annexure.

(d) The steps taken by the Government to improve the immunization coverage across the country including tribal areas and remote or underserved areas are:

- i. Mission Indradhanush, special catch-up vaccination campaign under the Universal Immunization Programme is conducted in areas of low immunization coverage to vaccinate left out and dropped out children and pregnant women including tribal and hard to reach areas.
- ii. Special vaccination campaigns such as National Immunization Days (NIDs), as part of the Pulse Polio programme are carried out every year.
- iii. States have the flexibility of relaxing the norm of one ASHA per 1000 population to one ASHA per habitation in Tribal/hilly and difficult areas.
- iv. Strategic interventions like advocacy, social mobilization, community engagement, inter personal communication at family level and media engagement are undertaken as measures to improve immunization coverage.
- v. State Task Force on Immunization (STFI), District Task Force on Immunization (DTFI) and Block Task Force on Immunization (BTFI) also ensure effective implementation of the drives which are regularly taken.

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) and (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4354 for reply on 20/12/2024

Annexure

State/UT-wise Full Immunization Coverage (%)

HMIS 2022-23 to 2024-25*

| STATES/UTs | 2022-2023 | 2023-2024 | 2024-2025* |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| India | 94.7 | 93.5 | 93.8 |
| Andaman & Nicobar Islands | 86.3 | 82.7 | 89.6 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 102.5 | 101.5 | 101.8 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 81.5 | 80.1 | 80.7 |
| Assam | 85.5 | 85.4 | 81.8 |
| Bihar | 92.3 | 83.7 | 90.2 |
| Chandigarh | 101.8 | 99.6 | 96.3 |
| Chhattisgarh | 96.7 | 96.7 | 90.9 |
| Delhi | 94.2 | 105.7 | 105.1 |
| Goa | 90.6 | 91.9 | 88.7 |
| Gujarat | 92.6 | 95.5 | 95.2 |
| Haryana | 94.3 | 92.1 | 91.5 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 87.6 | 84.9 | 85.0 |
| Jammu And Kashmir | 116.7 | 111.2 | 103.1 |
| Jharkhand | 93.6 | 97.7 | 98.5 |
| Karnataka | 97.3 | 99.1 | 96.8 |
| Kerala | 89.9 | 86.7 | 78.5 |
| Ladakh | 100.8 | 92.6 | 105.4 |
| Lakshadweep | 86.0 | 108.8 | 95.4 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 95.0 | 93.8 | 91.1 |
| Maharashtra | 105.4 | 101.3 | 104.6 |
| Manipur | 79.3 | 83.9 | 83.7 |
| Meghalaya | 96.4 | 96.8 | 94.5 |
| Mizoram | 99.2 | 101.5 | 101.6 |
| Nagaland | 60.4 | 62.9 | 66.7 |
| Odisha | 88.5 | 82.7 | 79.2 |
| Puducherry | 63.7 | 60.1 | 60.3 |
| Punjab | 98.1 | 94.3 | 94.9 |
| Rajasthan | 77.1 | 76.7 | 79.9 |
| Sikkim | 64.6 | 65.8 | 68.3 |
| Tamil Nadu | 90.2 | 86.5 | 85.2 |
| Telangana | 110.5 | 106.7 | 110.7 |
| The Dadra And Nagar Haveli And Daman And Diu | 51.2 | 48.0 | 43.4 |
| Tripura | 98.9 | 98.4 | 92.1 |
| Uttarakhand | 95.1 | 94.7 | 92.9 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 99.2 | 99.3 | 99.0 |
| West Bengal | 91.7 | 98.2 | 97.6 |

*April-October, 2024 as on 2nd December 2024