

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1080  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025**

**CERVICAL CANCER**

**1080. DR. D RAVI KUMAR**

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to ensure sufficient funding for the inclusion of the HPV vaccine in the national immunisation programme in the upcoming budget in light of the high incidence and mortality rates associated with cervical cancer in India and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the National Technical Advisory Group for Immunisation (NTAGI) has already recommended the inclusion of the HPV vaccine;
- (c) whether there has been a delay in allocating funds for its implementation at the National level and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has introduced the HPV vaccine in the said immunisation programmes across the States including Punjab, Sikkim, and Tamil Nadu (on a pilot basis) and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has any plans to provide financial support to scale these efforts nationwide and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether the Government is considering that the interim budget of February 2024 acknowledged the importance of cervical cancer prevention, in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for not allocating funds for the HPV vaccine last year?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE  
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) to (f) - The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) has initiated the capacity building exercise of medical and paramedical staff for the cervical cancer vaccine. In June 2022, the National Technical Advisory Group for Immunization (NTAGI) recommended the introduction of cervical cancer vaccine in the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) based on evaluation of the fresh evidence on disease burden and effectiveness of single dose of cervical cancer vaccine, clinical trial results etc.

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