

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1112
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH DECEMBER, 2025**

SCREENING OF CERVICAL CANCER AMONG GIRLS

1112 SHRI HARIBHAI PATEL:

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

- (a) whether the Government is conducting any screening for cervical cancer-related problems among school-going girls during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise and State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is conducting vaccination drive for cervical cancer and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the outcomes of the said vaccination scheme during the last three years; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to provide vaccine for cervical cancer free of cost to school-going girls to prevent cervical cancer and if so, the details thereof ?

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

(a) & (b): Health is a State subject. However, preventive aspect of Cancer is strengthened under Comprehensive Primary Health Care through Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAM) by promotion of wellness activities and targeted communication at the community level. Other initiatives for increasing public awareness about Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs) including cervical cancer and Promotion of healthy lifestyle includes observation of National Cancer Awareness Day and World Cancer Day & use of print, electronic and social media for continued community awareness. Under National Health Mission (NHM), funds are provided to States & Union Territories for awareness generation activities as per their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs).

A population-based initiative for screening, management and prevention of common Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs) including cervical cancer has been rolled out as a part of comprehensive Primary Health Care in the country under NHM through AAM. The screening for cervical cancer targets women aged between 30 to 65 years, and is primarily conducted using Visual Inspection with Acetic Acid (VIA), once in five years at public health facilities including AAM -Sub-Health Centres, AAM- Primary Health Centres by trained health workers.

(c) to (e): The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has initiated capacity-building exercise of medical and paramedical staff for the cervical cancer vaccine.
