

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4635
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20th MARCH 2026**

INTENSIFIED MISSION INDRADHANUSH IN TAMIL NADU

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government for the implementation of the Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) in Tamil Nadu along with the number of children and pregnant women covered under the scheme in Kallakurichi district so far;
- (b) the progress made in increasing immunisation coverage in underserved areas of Kallakurichi district of Tamil Nadu under the IMI;
- (c) the number of awareness campaigns conducted to inform the public about the benefits of immunization under the Mission Indradhanush scheme in Kallakurichi district of Tamil Nadu;
- (d) the challenges faced in the effective implementation of the scheme in Tamil Nadu, particularly in remote and rural areas and the steps being taken to address them; and
- (e) the impact of the scheme on reducing vaccine-preventable diseases and improving immunisation rates in Tamil Nadu?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Three rounds of Intensified Mission Indradhanush 5.0 were held in the month of August, September and October 2023, with a focus on Measles Rubella Elimination and to improve vaccination coverage. The left out and the dropout children and pregnant women were line listed through a head count survey and due-listing was done. Children upto 5 years were targeted and UWIN portal was utilized for registering and recording all vaccination events. Review by the district and block task force on Immunization were carried out regularly for monitoring and ensuring the successful implementation of the Intensified Mission Indradhanush. The details of the immunization coverage as submitted by the state of Tamil Nadu is placed as Annexure.

(c) As informed by the State of Tamil Nadu, intensified efforts with Information, Education and Communication campaigns were conducted in the district of Kallakurichi. Five mass rallies were

conducted in the district of Kallakurichi, involving Auxillary Nurse Midwife (ANM) and Nursing College students and other stakeholders.

(d) In hard-to-reach and remote areas, mobile health teams were deployed to ease the burden of vaccinators.

(e) As the impact of the scheme, the full Immunization coverage of Tamil Nadu has improved from 82.8% in FY 2023-24 to 93.9% in FY 2025-26 (April 2025 – Jan 2026) (Source: HMIS).

Annexure referred to in response to Parts (a) & (b) of the LS USQ No. 4635 for answer on 20.03.2026 regarding “INTENSIFIED MISSION INDRADHANUSH IN TAMIL NADU”

Coverage of Intensified Mission Indradhanush 5.0

IMI5.0	State of Tamil Nadu						District Kallakurichi					
Round	Pregnant women target	Pregnant women coverage	%	Children Target	Children vaccinated	%	Pregnant women target	Pregnant women coverage	%	Children Target	Children vaccinated	%
Round 1	14435	20563	142	74372	88170	119	484	603	125	2370	2335	99
Round 2	12663	19127	151	58894	70790	120	387	749	194	1048	2621	250
Round 3	13021	19332	148	61547	74072	120	385	744	193	1048	2332	223

Source:- Information received from the state of Tamil Nadu.