

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4665
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20th MARCH 2026**

NATIONWIDE HPV VACCINATION

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

- (a) the details of the target age group of girls and proposed coverage for vaccinations at designated government health facilities under the nationwide vaccination programme against Human Papillomavirus (HPV) for the prevention of cervical cancer in the country, State-wise and district-wise for Andhra Pradesh including Kakinada city;
- (b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure uninterrupted availability of the vaccine and address vaccine hesitancy and to ensure equitable coverage in rural and aspirational districts, including Kakinada;
- (c) the total amount of funds sanctioned, released and utilised for procurement of vaccines, distribution, awareness generation, strengthening of the cold-chain infrastructure and domestic manufacturing of HPV vaccines under the programme; and
- (d) the mechanism put in place for monitoring and management of Adverse Events Following Immunisation (AEFI) including the reporting and surveillance mechanisms established under the programme?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The Nationwide free HPV vaccination campaign was launched on 28th February 2026 for approximately 1.2 crore eligible beneficiary girls aged 14 years across all 36 States and Union Territories. The state-wise & district wise targets for Andhra Pradesh including Kakinada city are provided in Annexure.
- (b) & (c) To ensure uninterrupted availability of the vaccine, the Government of India has secured HPV vaccine supplies as kind support from GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance. Awareness generation is promoted through IEC materials such as radio jingles, posters including AEFI poster, banners, myth-

busting digital content and use of social media platforms to provide accurate information, address misconceptions and ensure equitable access coverage in rural and aspirational districts, including Kakinada. The operational guidelines for the roll out of HPV vaccination campaign have been disseminated to all States/UTs. Training on HPV vaccination for medical and paramedical staff across all 36 States/UTs in the country has been completed.

(d) The vaccine is administered at designated Government health facilities including Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAMs) - Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs), Sub-District Hospitals (SDHs), District Hospitals (DHs) and Government Medical Colleges and Hospitals (GMCHs) in the presence of medical officers. The extensive training on HPV vaccination for medical and paramedical staff across all 36 States/UTs in the country has been completed. The vaccination sites are linked to 24x7 Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI) Management Centers for prompt management of adverse events, if any. A system is in place for reporting, investigation, and causality assessment of AEFI events.

Annexure referred in part (a) of LS USQ No. 4665 for answer on 20.03.2026 regarding
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District-wise target of girls aged 14 years of Andhra Pradesh

S. No	District Name	Girls aged 14 years
1	Alluri Sitharama Raju	6,701
2	Anakapalli	10,755
3	Ananthapuramu	16,449
4	Annamayya	9,885
5	Bapatla	7,251
6	Chittoor	10,990
7	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema	8,930
8	East Godavari	13,964
9	Eluru	13,502
10	Guntur	14,167
11	Kakinada	14,402
12	Krishna	10,699
13	Kurnool	23,957
14	Markapuram	8,621
15	Nandyal	14,126
16	NTR	14,776
17	Palnadu	13,753
18	Parvathipuram Manyam	6,219
19	Polavaram	2,777
20	Prakasam	11,814
21	Sri Potti Sriramulu Nellore	16,251
22	Sri Sathya Sai	11,617
23	Srikakulam	14,036
24	Tirupati	14,455
25	Visakhapatnam	14,792
26	Vizianagaram	11,989
27	West Godavari	11,673
28	YSR Kadapa	16,826
State of Andhra Pradesh		3,45,377

Target Population of 14 yrs girls for HPV Vaccination in Kakinada City is 2954.

Source: As per the information received from the state.