

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5605  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026**

**VACCINE MANUFACTURERS AND USE OF DOMESTIC HPV VACCINES**

**5605. DR. BACHHAV SHOBHA DINESH:**

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

- (a) the details of the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines programme approved and the age cohorts targeted under the programme;
- (b) the names of vaccine manufacturers whose products are being procured or used, including details of any domestically produced HPV vaccines such as those developed with participation of Indian companies;
- (c) whether any international organisations, partners or foundations such as the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Gavi or WHO have provided technical support, funding or collaboration in the planning, introduction or implementation of the HPV vaccination programmes, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is aware of any judicial inquiries, regulatory investigations, parliamentary probes or civil litigation conducted anywhere in the world concerning HPV vaccines or their manufacturers and if so, the details and the outcomes thereof; and
- (e) the current coverage achieved, programme targets and timelines for achieving nationwide vaccination goals against cervical cancer?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (e) 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 vaccine is administered free of cost at government health facilities, including Ayushman Arogya Mandirs-Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centers (CHCs), Sub-District Hospitals (SDH)/District Hospitals (DHs) & Government Medical Colleges (GMCs) in presence of medical officer. Training of medical and paramedical staff across all 36 States/UTs in the country has been completed. HPV vaccination is voluntary and parental consent is mandatory before administration of vaccine. The Vaccine manufactured by Merck Sharp Dhome (MSD) has been secured as kind support from GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance. The 72nd Parliamentary Standing Committee covers various issues concerning HPV vaccine related matters. As on 24th March 2026, a total of 5,03,008 girls have been administered the HPV vaccine.

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