

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 195
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 06TH MAY, 2016
MISSION INDRADHANUSH**

***195. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:**

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

- (a) the salient features of the immunization programme, Mission Indradhanush;
- (b) whether the Government has received any proposals from States to include some more vaccines under the mission, if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;
- (c) whether the Government has assessed the achievements made under the said programme, if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to run the programme on regular basis and also integrate it with the vaccination programme for pregnant women for safeguarding mother and child from diseases, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA

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(a): The Universal Immunization Programme, despite being operational since 1985, has documented only 1% increase of immunization coverage per year in the last four years (61% in CES 2009 to 65% in RSOC 2013-14). Mission Indradhanush (MI) was launched as a special drive to vaccinate all unvaccinated and partially vaccinated children in high burden districts and rapidly improve immunization coverage, with the objective to increase full immunization coverage to 90% and sustain the same by 2020.

(b): No, the Government has not received any proposal from States to include some more vaccines under this mission.

(c): Yes, the Government has assessed the achievements made under Mission Indradhanush. Against an estimated target of 75,85,731 children, as on 30th April 2016, 38,70,447 children were fully vaccinated in two Phases of Mission Indradhanush. In addition, 38,07,948 pregnant women were vaccinated against tetanus. This has resulted in at least 5% increase in full immunization coverage.

(d): The Government plans to run Mission Indradhanush in the high priority districts to cover left out children and sustain the immunization coverage by 2020. The programme for vaccination of pregnant women with tetanus toxoid is already integrated as evident from the details at (c) above.