

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3446
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07TH AUGUST, 2026**

NATIONAL IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME

3446 SMT. LOVELY ANAND:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken a decision to include the recently approved dengue vaccine under the National Immunisation Programme or other Government health programmes for the prevention of dengue, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the mechanisms put in place to ensure the availability, pricing, Government procurement and accessibility of the said vaccine across the country, including the State of Bihar, particularly district of Sheohar; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to implement a comprehensive action plan incorporating vaccination, vector control, disease surveillance and public awareness to prevent the increasing incidence of dengue, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The inclusion of any vaccine under the National Immunisation Programme (NIP) is based on the recommendations of the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (NTAGI) after considering scientific evidence on disease burden, vaccine safety, efficacy, cost effectiveness, programmatic feasibility and other relevant public health considerations.

As of date, Dengue vaccine is not covered under the National Immunisation Programme or any other Government health programme for the prevention of dengue.

The Government implements an integrated strategy for prevention and control of dengue through the National Centre for Vector Borne Disease Control (NCVBDC). The strategy includes strengthened disease surveillance, integrated vector management, early diagnosis and case management, public awareness and community participation, inter sectoral coordination, and preparedness and rapid response to outbreaks.
