

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**  
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**ANSWERED ON**  
**POLIO CASES IN THE COUNTRY .**

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :-

- (a) the number of polio cases detected in the country during the last three years and the names of the States where such cases were reported from;
- (b) what steps have been taken by Government after detection of the cases;
- (c) when was the polio eradication programme started in the country and the agencies that are funded for the programme; and
- (d) whether Government has any proposal to include the blood test to detect the various diseases like diabetes and blood pressure in a national Programme?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE

(SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) The number of polio cases detected in the country during the last three years and the names of the States where such cases were reported from is given at Annexure.

(b) The following activities are being undertaken :-

§ Two national Immunization Days (NIDs) are conducted every year in which 172 million children upto the age of 5 years are vaccinated.

§ Sub National Immunization Days (SNIDs) are conducted 5 to 7 times in a year in UP, Bihar, Delhi, Mumbai and other areas to cover high risk / migratory population.

§ During the campaigns, children at bus stands, market places, major congregation points, railway stations and moving trains are vaccinated to immunize the population on move.

§ New born tracking is done to vaccinate them during the polio campaigns.

§ Mop Up rounds are conducted in and around the area where a polio case is detected.

§ Special plan has been chalked out to vaccinate children in high risk areas of Kosi Riverine Belt.

§ Polio Immunization as carried out during important events such as Chaath, festivals and other gatherings.

§ Bivalent Oral Polio Vaccine has been introduced from January 2010 for the high risk areas.

(c) Pulse Polio Immunization (PPI) was started in the year 1995. The programme is being funded by the Government of India along with external assistance from donor partners viz. World Bank and Kreditanstalt fur Wiederaufbau (KfW). Other organizations like UNICEF, World Health Organization (WHO), Rotary International, USAID, Bill & Melinda Gates foundation and JICA also provide support in implementation of the programme.

(d) Under IPHS standard, and health facilities in the country are provided with support in cash and kind to carry out blood tests as advised by the doctor for diagnosis.