

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1840
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27th JULY, 2018**

ELIMINATION OF MEASLES BY 2020

1840. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

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

- (a) whether the Government plans to eliminate measles from the country by 2020, if so, the details thereof along with steps taken to achieve the target;
- (b) the number of deaths reported due to measles in the country during the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether as per the report of WHO the measles cases in the country has dropped by 43 percent in a year, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of immunization programmes launched by the Government during the last three years, State/UT-wise?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a): In the direction of measles elimination by 2020, Government of India has started Measles-Rubella (MR) vaccination campaign in a phased manner across the country, covering children in the age group of 9 months upto 15 years. Following the campaign, Measles-Rubella (MR) vaccine is introduced in Routine Immunization replacing two doses of measles vaccine.

The Measles-Rubella campaign started from February 2017 and has been rolled out in 21 states/UTs by July, 2018, covering nearly 9.2 crore children.

(b): The State/UTs-wise detail of number of measles deaths reported in the last three years is given at Annexure.

(c): Yes, as per WHO report, country has seen significant reduction in measles cases in the last few years, with around 30,000 measles cases in the year 2015, which dropped to 17,000 cases in 2016 documenting a reduction of 43%.

(d): During the last three years, the following initiatives have been undertaken in the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP):

- Inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) was introduced in 2015 in a phased manner, and has been expanded across the country.

- Rotavirus vaccine (RVV) was introduced in a phased manner in 2016, and has been expanded to 11 States, namely, Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh.
- Measles-Rubella (MR) vaccine was introduced as a campaign in 2017 in a phased manner and has been rolled out in 21 States/UTs, namely Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Odisha, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttarakhand, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Manipur, Mizoram, Haryana, Punjab and Gujarat.
- Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) was introduced in a phased manner in 2017, and has been expanded to Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, parts of Rajasthan and parts of Uttar Pradesh.
- Intensification of Routine Immunization through Mission Indradhanush, Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI), Gram Swaraj Abhiyan and Extended Gram Swaraj Abhiyan approach to reach out to the unvaccinated and partially vaccinated children across the country.

The State/UTs-wise detail of number of measles deaths reported in the last three years (2015-2017)

S. No.	State/UT	2015	2016	2017 (provisional)
1	Andhra Pradesh	0	0	0
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0
3	Assam	0	0	0
4	Bihar	0	9	0
5	Chhattisgarh	0	0	0
6	Goa	0	0	0
7	Gujarat	0	0	0
8	Haryana	0	0	0
9	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0
10	Jammu and Kashmir	0	0	0
11	Jharkhand	0	0	0
12	Karnataka	0	0	0
13	Kerala	0	0	0
14	Madhya Pradesh	0	2	0
15	Maharashtra	5	7	2
16	Manipur	0	0	0
17	Meghalaya	3	0	0
18	Mizoram	0	0	0
19	Nagaland	0	0	1
20	Odisha	0	0	0
21	Punjab	0	0	0
22	Rajasthan	0	0	0
23	Sikkim	0	0	0
24	Tamil Nadu	0	0	0
25	Telangana	0	0	0
26	Tripura	2	0	0
27	Uttarakhand	0	0	0
28	Uttar Pradesh	4	1	2
29	West Bengal	16	5	18
30	A&N Islands	1	0	0
31	Chandigarh	3	1	1
32	D&N Haveli	0	0	0
33	Daman & Diu	0	0	0
34	Delhi	10	8	4
35	Lakshadweep	0	0	0
36	Puducherry	0	0	0
	Total	44	33	28

Source: Monthly Health Condition Reports from Directorate of Health Services of State/UT- Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI).