

Countering rumours against antimeasles drug

2995. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rumours are being spread on social media against antimeasles drug; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to curb such type of misleading campaign?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE) (a) Yes, it is a fact that rumours are being spread on social media against Measles-Rubella vaccination campaign.

(b) Government of India (GoI) has taken the following steps:—

- Government of India is making efforts to allay any apprehension expressed by parents and the rumours being spread mainly through social media regarding Measles-Rubella campaign. This is being done through information on social media platforms, mass media (TV and press), banners, posters and hoardings. Frequently asked questions of the community along with the responses have been uploaded on the websites of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and World Health Organization (WHO).
- Government of India, State Government along with development partners and civil society organizations such as Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP), Indian Medical Association (IMA) and Lions Clubs are making collective efforts to inform and educate parents on Measles Rubella campaign.
- Frontline health workers and schools have been trained to communicate the benefits of Measles-Rubella vaccination through personal communication.

Penalising patients for registration without Aadhaar number

2996. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi has announced that patients registering without an Aadhaar number will have to pay a charge of ₹ 100, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that this proposal was approved by Government before its introduction, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE) (a) and (b) No.