

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1564
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH DECEMBER 2022**

GAP IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF VACCINES TO CHILDREN

1564: SHRI BINOY VISWAM:

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

- (a) the details of the number of children who missed their vaccine shots under the Universal Immunisation Programmes since March 2020, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) whether Government had issued advisories to States to take steps to boost vaccine measures for children prior to the ongoing measles outbreak; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to keep the vaccine programmes for children on-track during the COVID-19 pandemic?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

- (a) Total number of children unvaccinated/partially vaccinated since March 2020, year-wise and State-wise is placed at Annexure I. Intensified Mission Indradhanush is conducted every year to immunize unvaccinated and partially vaccinated children.
- (b) and (c): Government had issued advisories to States/UTs guiding to boost vaccination measures for children. In addition, following steps were taken by the Government to keep the vaccine programme for children on-track during the COVID-19 pandemic:
 - Considering Immunization as an essential service, States/ UTs were provided with a series of guidelines to ensure immunization services in the midst of COVID 19 pandemic. Regular reviews were held with the States/ UTs to discuss challenges faced during the pandemic.
 - Communication materials were developed and shared with the States/UTs to ensure vaccination services following COVID appropriate behavior.
 - Two rounds of Mission Indradhanush were conducted to vaccinate children who had missed the vaccine doses during COVID-19 pandemic.
 - National and Subnational Immunization Days for Polio were conducted with COVID appropriate behavior.

Annexure I

(A) Total number of children unvaccinated/partially vaccinated since March 2020, year-wise and State-wise:

Sr.No.	State	Total number of children unvaccinated/partially vaccinated	
		2020-21 (April-March)	2021-22 (April-March)
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	431	430
2.	Andhra Pradesh	44,907	-
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	7,903	6,625
4.	Assam	1,06,699	1,03,987
5.	Bihar	5,01,795	6,49,345
6.	Chandigarh	1,839	2,300
7.	Chhattisgarh	46,173	53,144
8.	Delhi	47,515	41,209
9.	Goa	1,097	3,024
10.	Gujarat	1,82,844	-
11.	Haryana	65,410	26,219
12.	Himachal Pradesh	13,765	13,007
13.	Jammu and Kashmir	-	-
14.	Jharkhand	1,41,447	-
15.	Karnataka	51,176	80,459
16.	Kerala	42,692	73,826
17.	Ladakh	473	448
18.	Lakshadweep	-	-
19.	Madhya Pradesh	2,59,310	2,27,263
20.	Maharashtra	65,889	33,207
21.	Manipur	10,892	11,572
22.	Meghalaya	-	4,050
23.	Mizoram	-	549
24.	Nagaland	12,527	11,881
25.	Odisha	1,21,107	97,689
26.	Puducherry	7,403	7,667
27.	Punjab	46,437	60,023
28.	Rajasthan	4,90,164	4,62,261
29.	Sikkim	3,680	4,015
30.	Tamil Nadu	1,90,973	1,53,313
31.	Telangana	12,912	-
32.	The Dadra And Nagar Haveli And Daman And Diu	10,687	11,183
33.	Tripura	4,958	2,496
34.	Uttar Pradesh	7,04,076	7,55,501
35.	Uttarakhand	6,011	14,097
36.	West Bengal	79,550	60,760

(Data source- Health Management Information System)