

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.927
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03RD DECEMBER 2024**

HPV AND SHINGLES VACCINATION

927. SHRI K.R. SURESH REDDY:

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

- (a) the most recent update on Government's introduction of HPV vaccination announced in Interim Budget 2024;
- (b) by when the free/subsidised vaccination would commence and the age groups to be covered;
- (c) the exact timeline for implementation of this vaccination;
- (d) whether there is a mechanism to evaluate and track the progress as cervical cancer has the highest global mortality in the country; and
- (e) whether Government is contemplating to introduce the Shingles vaccine in public health facilities and popularise its importance?

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

(a) to (e) Under Universal Immunization Programme (UIP), 11 vaccines are provided against 12 Vaccine Preventable Diseases (VPDs). The HPV and Shingles vaccine, currently is not a part of the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP).