

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3649
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th MARCH 2026**

HPV VACCINATION PROGRAMME AND PUBLIC CONCERNS

3649. SHRI SANJAY RAUT :

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

- (a) whether Government has assessed concerns raised regarding the safety, monitoring and informed consent processes in the ongoing HPV vaccination programme;
- (b) the details of adverse events reported, if any and the findings of independent investigations conducted thereon;
- (c) whether the indigenous HPV vaccine introduced under the national immunisation framework has undergone full clinical trials and regulatory approval by the competent authority;
- (d) the mechanism in place for post-vaccination surveillance and transparency in public reporting; and
- (e) the steps taken to address public apprehensions and ensure informed participation while preventing misinformation?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e) The Nationwide free HPV vaccination campaign was launched on 28th February 2026 for approximately 1.2 crore eligible beneficiary girls aged 14 years across all 36 States and Union Territories. Operational guidelines for the roll out of HPV vaccination campaign has been disseminated to all States/UTs. The Gardasil-4 vaccine is administered at government health facilities in presence of medical officer. HPV vaccination is voluntary. Parental consent is mandatory before administration of vaccine and the same is recorded in UWIN. Standard protocols for various aspects of the program has been laid down. Awareness generation is promoted through IEC materials such as radio jingles, posters, banners, myth-busting digital content and social media platforms to provide accurate information and address misconceptions. Parents & beneficiaries can read information on the benefits and possible side effects of HPV vaccine on the U-WIN portal.
