

OFFICE OF THE LEADER OF OPPOSITION

Gujarat Vidhansabha, Gandhinagar.

Press Note

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In response to adverse reaction which is responsible for death of four children at Adipur Kutch during mass Immunization.

Meseals is considered to be dangerous vaccine in view to adverse reactions as Anaphylactic Shock is the major side effect of this vaccine and cause death within minute if not treated. So, Ideally Before starting any Meseals (Auri) campaign AEAI (Adverse Effects After Immunization) Training must be arranged at State & district level. This training will explain sign and symptoms of anaphylactic reactions and its treatment to all the staff engaged in immunization. According to Government of India's National guideline & WHO guideline for meseals there must be establishment of AEFI centers with availability of adrenalin and other drugs to prevent death due to anaphylactic reactions after meseals. In Gujarat, No such training was arranged before starting of this mass meseals campaign which resulted in mishap at Adipur with four deaths.

According to National Family Health Survey (one of the most reliable health indicator fining survey) in NFHS III there is 7 % reduction in child immunization as compare to NFHS II.(Only 46% children in Gujarat is fully immunized)This shows detoriation of immunization services in Gujarat.

Very simple reason for this failure is poor immunization implementation. You will be surprised by knowing that the State Immunization officer of Gujarat state is simple MBBS. (Though number of professionals having masters and double masters and experience in UNICF, John Hopkins, USAIDS are wishing to serve at this post.)

This shows that Government of Gujarat is paying total negligence towards immunization services and playing with life of children.

To,

The Editor,

Hon'ble Leader of Opposition has requested to kindly publish this press note in your esteemed newspaper.

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