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Targeting Polio Eradication

India has reported more than 90% decline in polio cases in 2010 as compared to 2009 and is rapidly moving towards the target of achieving polio eradication in the near future. The last 8 months have seen the lowest number of polio cases during the high polio transmission season of any year since polio eradication efforts started in India. The number of affected districts has declined to 17 so far in 2010 from 56 in 2009 and 90 in 2008.

The total number of polio cases reported in the country during the last three years and current year is as under:-

Year	Number of Polio Cases
2008	559
2009	741
2010	42
2011	01
	(upto 19 th February 2011)

The amount spent by the Central government on Polio eradication programme which includes cost of oral polio vaccine and operational cost during the last three years is as under:

(Rs. In Crores)

Year	Oral Polio	Operational Cost	Total
2007-08	648.80	435.21	1084.01
2008-09	553.44	622.91	1176.35
2009-10	605.01	593.46	1198.47

This information was given by Minister for Health & Family Welfare Sh. Ghulam Nabi Azad in written reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha recently.

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