



## **Second phase of Pulse Polio Campaign (PPI) on 24-2-2013 (Sunday)**

The first round of Pulse Polio campaign was successfully conducted on 20-1-2013 in which 70.3 lakhs children under the age of 5 years were given polio drops. The Department of Public Health has made elaborate arrangements to conduct 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of pulse polio campaign on 24-2-2013. The children who have been given polio drops in the 1<sup>st</sup> round will be given 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of Polio vaccine. The new babies born after 1<sup>st</sup> round campaign will also be given polio drops during the campaign.

### **Establishment of Special Immunization booths**

40,000 Immunization booths already established for the 1<sup>st</sup> round campaign in Primary Health Centres, Health Sub Centres, Anganwadi centres, Government Hospitals, Medical College Hospitals, Schools and other important places will function in the same places for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round campaign.

### **Special Arrangements for moving children**

In addition to the regular booths, 1013 numbers of transit booths will be functioning in major Bus stand, Railway station, Airports during the campaign days to cover children on travel. These booths will function 3 days during day and night with shift duty.

### **Mobile teams for remote area**

771 mobile teams have been formed to cover children residing in remote and inaccessible areas.

### **Messages to the Public:**

1. All children in the age group of 0-5 years should be given 2 drops of polio vaccine on 24-2-2013.
2. Even, a child immunized recently under Routine Immunization should be given polio drops.
3. Finger marking is done for confirming vaccination.
4. The booth will function from 7 AM to 5 PM.

### **Involvement of other Departments**

In this mega campaign, various Government departments including Social Welfare, ICDS, Education Department, Revenue Department, Rural Development, Municipal Administration etc., are involved. Apart from Government Departments, NGO's like Rotary, Indian Medical Association (IMA), Indian Academy of Paediatrics (IAP), Lions club etc., are also involved. About 2 lakhs personnel are participating in this campaign.

### **Polio free Tamil Nadu**

No polio case in India for the past two years. Tamil Nadu has not reported any polio case for the past 9 years. However, it is very much important to administer polio drops to all children during Pulse Polio Campaign in order to protect children from possible importation of Polio virus from other parts of the Country / World.

All parents are requested to utilize this opportunity and get their children immunized on Pulse Polio Day.

**“Let us assure that our younger generation is free from dreaded Poliomyelitis”.**

**(J.Radhakrishnan)**

**Secretary to Government**