

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1718  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2021**

**COVID-19 VACCINE FOR HOMELESS PERSONS**

**1718 SHRI SANJAY SINGH:**

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

- (a) whether the Central Government has prepared any plan to identify the specific steps to be taken to ensure that all homeless persons in the country receive the vaccine for COVID- 19 with all necessary precautions with low or no-cost and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) & (b): National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) provides guidance on all aspects of COVID-19 vaccination including prioritization of population groups, procurement and inventory management, vaccine selection, vaccine delivery and tracking mechanism etc.

The NEGVAC has prioritized Health Care Workers, Front Line Workers, persons aged 60 years and above, and those aged between 45 to 59 years with identified comorbidities for COVID-19 vaccination.

COVID-19 vaccination is available free of cost at Government COVID-19 Vaccination Centres (CVCs) to persons of above mentioned priority groups irrespective of their socio-economic status.