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

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 81 TO BE ANSWERED ON 2nd February, 2021

VACCINATION SCHEDULE FOR INOCULATION OF COVID-19 VACCINE

81 SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of **Health and Family Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of vaccines developed in the country to combat COVID-19 along with the progress of trials, stage-wise and
- (b) whether a triage or vaccination schedule to inoculate 130 crore people of the country has been conceptualized by Government, if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

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

- (a): The Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) which is the National Regulatory Authority has granted permission to COVID-19 vaccines in the country as under:
- 1. M/s Serum Institute of India Pvt., Ltd., Pune for manufacture of the COVID-19 Vaccine for restricted use in emergency situation with various conditions/restrictions.
- 2. M/s Bharat Biotech International Limited, Hyderabad for manufacture of the COVID-19 Vaccine for restricted use in emergency situation in public interest, as an abundant precaution, in clinical trial mode with various conditions/restrictions.

Further, CDSCO has granted permission to conduct clinical trials of COVID-19 vaccines to various additional manufacturers/Importer in the country. The details along with trials, stagewise are as under:

Phase I/II clinical trial:

- 1. M/s Bharat Biotech International Limited, Hyderabad for Inactivated Corona Virus Vaccine (Intradermal Route)
- 2. M/s Biological E Limited, Hyderabad for Receptor Binding Domain of SARS-CoV-2
- 3. M/s Gennova Biopharmaceuticals Limited, Pune for mRNA Vaccine for Injection (COVID-19)

Phase II/ III clinical trial:

1. M/s Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Limited, Hyderabad for Gam-COVID-Vac combined vector vaccine

Phase III clinical trial:

- 1. M/s Cadila Healthcare Ltd., Ahmedabad for DNA based Corona Virus Vaccine
- (b): The National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) has been established, which 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 prioritized groups comprise Health Care Workers, Front Line Workers, persons above the age of 50 years and persons below 50 years with associated comorbidities.

The COVID-19 vaccination was launched on 16th January 2021 and by 28th January 2021, more than 28.47 lakh Health Care Workers have been successfully vaccinated.