

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.101
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND FEBRUARY, 2021**

PROVISION OF FREE OF COST VACCINE TO PUBLIC

101 SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD:

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

- (a) whether Government intends to issue COVID-19 vaccine free of cost to the States and UTs, if so, the details thereof and
- (b) whether any of the State has announced to supply the COVID-19 vaccine to the public free of cost including the State of Kerala, if so, the details thereof?

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

- (a): During the first phase of COVID-19 vaccination, the vaccine is being provided free of cost to States and UTs for vaccination of Health Care Workers and Front Line Workers.
- (b): Government of India has not received any formal communication from State/UT regarding announcement to supply the COVID-19 vaccine to the public free of cost, including the State of Kerala.