

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2343
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH MARCH, 2021**

COVID-19 VACCINATION SCHEDULE

2343 SHRI M.V. SHREYAMS KUMAR:

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

- (a) the process of COVID-19 vaccination planned in the country;
- (b) whether vaccination for the earlier planned priority group of three crores has been completed entirely;
- (c) if not, the number of people left for inoculation;
- (d) the total cost of the vaccination borne by Government;
- (e) whether vaccines are available for the entire country; and
- (f) if so, the various vaccines to be used, product wise, foreign and Indian?

ANSWER

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

(a): The National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (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 20 comorbidities for COVID-19 vaccination, which is ongoing since 16th of January 2021.

The COVID-19 Vaccination is an ongoing and dynamic process, which is being expanded to include beneficiary groups as prioritized by National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC). In view of dynamic nature of COVID-19 pandemic and inclusion of new priority groups, no time frame, can be indicated for completion of vaccination.

(b) & (c): As on 10th March 2021, a total of 1.96 crore Health Care Workers and Front Line Workers have been registered for COVID-19 vaccination of which 1.41 HCWs & FLWs have received 1st dose while 44.64 lakh HCWs and FLWs have completed two dose schedule.

(d): As on 10th March 2021, a total of INR 123.49 crore have been allocated to States and UTs as operational cost for COVID-19 vaccination of HCWs and FLWs while INR 1392.82 crore has been the cost of procurement of vaccines.

(e): Yes, sufficient doses of COVID-19 vaccine are available for the on-going phase of COVID-19 vaccination throughout the country.

(f): Two vaccines namely Covishield manufactured by M/s Serum Institute of India and Covaxin manufactured by M/s Bharat Biotech International Limited have been granted permission for restricted use in emergency situation by the National Regulator i.e. Drug Controller General of India [DCG(I)].