

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 131
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12th FEBRUARY, 2021

EXPORT OF COVID VACCINES

* 131. SMT. PRIYANKA CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number and value in monetary terms of the COVID vaccine doses that were exported from India to other countries till present day;
- (b) whether Government has put measures in place to avoid a domestic shortage of vaccine in the light of it being exported in large numbers; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF RAJYA SABHA
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REGARDING “EXPORT OF COVID VACCINES”.**

(a): Vaccines, including COVID vaccines are covered under the common ITC HS codes 30022019 (Other single vaccine) and 30022029 (Other mixed vaccine). Export data for vaccines is also captured under these ITC HS codes. The details of export of vaccines under these codes (including COVID vaccines) during 2020-21(April-January) is given at **Annexure-I**.

(b) & (c): Government has granted permission to M/s Serum Institute of India Pvt. Ltd., Pune and M/s Bharat Biotech International Limited, Hyderabad for manufacture of COVID-19 vaccines. Close coordination is being maintained through regular interaction between relevant Departments of the Government of India and vaccine manufacturers to ensure adequate availability of COVID-19 vaccines for national vaccination program.

Statement referred to in reply of part (a) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 131 for answer on 12th February 2021

India's export of vaccines including COVID vaccines

	30022019- Other Single Vaccine		30022029-Other Mixed Vaccine	
Months	Qty (Kgs)	Value of Exports (US\$ million)	Qty (Kgs)	Value of Exports (US\$ million)
April, 2020	4075	6.05	4286	8.21
May, 2020	4288	8.24	9816	12.54
June, 2020	1440	3.75	12546	20.41
July, 2020	3778	6.87	18204	32.22
Aug, 2020	3775	5.77	15957	20.66
Sept, 2020	9338	16.48	20830	34.40
Oct, 2020	6085	9.24	18590	41.42
Nov, 2020	3464	5.73	12473	22.70
Dec, 2020	2271	6.61	9517	16.28
Jan, 2021	6222	57.21	8607	17.89
Total (Apr-Jan)	44736	125.93	130826	226.74

Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata (Figures are provisional)

दिनांक 12 फरवरी, 2021 को उत्तर दिए जाने के लिए
कोविड टीकों का निर्यात

*131. श्रीमती प्रियंका चतुर्वेदी:

क्या वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

- (क) आज की तिथि तक भारत से अन्य देशों को निर्यात की गई कोविड टीके की खुराक की कुल संख्या तथा उसका मौद्रिक मूल्य कितना है;
- (ख) क्या सरकार ने टीके के भारी संख्या में निर्यात को देखते हुए इसकी घरेलू कमी से बचने के लिए कोई उपाय किए हैं; और
- (ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

उत्तर

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री
(श्री पीयूष गोयल)

(क) से (ग): विवरण सभा पटल पर रख दिया गया है।

“कोविड टीकों का निर्यात” के संबंध में दिनांक 12 फरवरी, 2021 को राज्य सभा तारांकित प्रश्न सं. 131 के भाग (क) से (ग) के उत्तर हेतु संदर्भित विवरण

(क): कोविड वैक्सीन सहित वैक्सीन को सामान्य आईटीसी एचएस कोड 30022019 (अन्य एकल वैक्सीन) और 30022029 (अन्य मिश्रित वैक्सीन) के अंतर्गत शामिल किया गया है। वैक्सीन के लिए निर्यात आंकड़े भी इन आईटीसी एचएस कोडों के तहत प्राप्त किए जाते हैं। वर्ष 2020–21 (अप्रैल–जनवरी) के दौरान इन कोडों (कोविड वैक्सीन सहित) के तहत वैक्सीन के निर्यात का विवरण **अनुलग्नक-I** पर दिया गया है।

(ख) और (ग): सरकार ने कोविड-19 वैक्सीन के विनिर्माण के लिए मैसर्स सीरम इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ इंडिया प्राइवेट लिमिटेड, पुणे और मैसर्स भारत बायोटेक इंटरनेशनल लिमिटेड, हैदराबाद को अनुमति प्रदान की है। राष्ट्रीय टीकाकरण कार्यक्रम के लिए कोविड-19 वैक्सीनों की पर्याप्त उपलब्धता सुनिश्चित करने के लिए भारत सरकार के संबंधित विभागों और वैक्सीन विनिर्माताओं के बीच नियमित पारस्परिक संपर्क के माध्यम से गहन समन्वय रखा जा रहा है।

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कोविड वैक्सीन सहित वैक्सीनों का भारत से निर्यात

	30022019 - अन्य एकल वैक्सीन		30022029 - अन्य मिश्रित वैक्सीन	
माह	मात्रा (कि० ग्रा)	निर्यात का मूल्य (अमेरिकी मिलियन डॉलर)	मात्रा (कि० ग्रा)	निर्यात का मूल्य (अमेरिकी मिलियन डॉलर)
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स्रोत: डीजीसीआईएंडएस, कोलकाता (आंकड़े अंतिम हैं)

SHRIMATI PRIYANKA CHATURVEDI: Sir, I had asked a very specific question from the hon. Minister with regard to the number of COVID vaccines exported and its value. What I have got from him is a list of all the vaccines that have been exported. So, can he specifically give me an answer regarding the export of vaccines relating to COVID and its value?

MR. CHAIRMAN: 'He' and 'she' should not be used. You can say 'Minister' or 'hon. Member'.

SHRIMATI PRIYANKA CHATURVEDI: All right, Sir.

SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL: Mr. Chairman, Sir, as I have very clearly said in my answer in the first line itself, there is no such category as COVID vaccine in the harmonised system HSN codes, and, therefore, for the Commerce Ministry to come out with a new code only for one type of vaccine is not what our job really is. All vaccines that are exported are exported under one HSN code. I have given the full details. However, for the benefit of the hon. Member, I would like to share the information that these COVID vaccines have started only in January. It is not as if I have given some earlier data. I have honestly given the data of all the vaccines that we are exporting. This started only in January and the hon. Member will see that there has not been any significant increase in the export of vaccines during October, November, December and January. In fact, only on a single vaccine, there has been an increase, and that is about \$50 million, which is a very small amount.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay; now, the second supplementary.

SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL: We are taking care of the domestic requirement, and based on that, we are giving some vaccines to the friendly countries.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mantriji, everyone should get opportunity. Time is important. Now, the second supplementary.

SHRIMATI PRIYANKA CHATURVEDI: Sir, I would like to know from the hon. Minister as to what are the vaccines that have been exported under 'Vaccine Maitri' Initiative which I applaud *vis-a-vis* the ones which are commercially placed and our commercial exports in terms of value.

SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL: Sir, regarding Covishield vaccines made by Serum Institute, Pune, up to 8th of February, against the Government of India grant, we have given 6,27,000 vials which relates to 62,70,000 doses valued at Rs.125,40,00,000 (One hundred twenty-five crore, forty lakh) FOB value worth of vaccines. And, the export of only the COVID vaccine so far is about 10,50,000 vials through paid exports which relates to 1,05,00,000 (one crore five lakh) doses and Rs.213,32,65,940 (two hundred thirteen crore, thirty-two lakh, sixty-five thousand, nine hundred and forty) against the paid exports. Therefore, the total exports are about Rs.338 crore worth of COVID vaccines.

DR. FAUZIA KHAN: Is there any target schedule or plan for vaccination of every citizen of India, and has exporting of vaccine created any hurdle in this timeline? Will the Government conduct this vaccination mission on the model of polio vaccination?

MR. CHAIRMAN: There is no time. Keep the time in mind. Now, the Minister.

SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL: Hon. Chairman, Sir, obviously, the Ministry of Health is working along with all the States. The Prime Minister has also interacted with all the States but the highest priority given by our Government is to the healthcare workers and the frontline workers.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over. If there is anything else you wish to say, you can lay it on the Table.