

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3129
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd MARCH, 2021**

EXPORT OF VACCINE TO OTHER NATIONS

3129 SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI:

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

- (a) whether Government has received proposals for exports of vaccine to combat COVID- 19 in some other countries
- (b) if so, the details of the countries from which such requests have been received
- (c) the extent to which it would be viable to export the vaccine to other countries, in a scenario where the country itself needs a huge number of vaccine doses for inoculation of its own people and
- (d) the policy of preference in case Government decides to export the vaccine to other countries?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): A sub-Group of the National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 was constituted to consider all matters related to vaccine export of COVID-19 vaccines and take necessary decisions with due regard to domestic production and ensuring adequate availability for the national vaccine programme for COVID-19. This Sub-Group closely monitors the supplies.

External supplies of Made-in-India COVID19 vaccines started w.e.f. 20.01.2021. Supplies have been undertaken in the form of “Grants-in-aid”, commercial sales by the manufacturers and through GAVI’s COVAX facility. GAVI’s COVAX facility has more than 190 members including India. Country-wise details for supply of vaccines till 17 March 2021 are enclosed. More than 7.47 crore vaccine doses have been supplied to States/UTs within the country so far.

Once an epidemic takes form of a pandemic, its management has to be done keeping the entire globe as unit and in most circumstances it is not possible to take either States-specific or country-specific approach. Hence, export of COVID-19 vaccine which facilitates global action to vaccination is important to simultaneously protect the high-risk population in all the countries of the world, thereby breaking the chain of transmission and minimizing chances of import of COVID-19 cases from foreign countries as well as neighbouring countries to India.

Low/middle income Countries as well as nations with limited access to pharmaceutical technologies are at debilitating disadvantages in dealing with the pandemic. To this end, Govt. of India has allowed only limited export of vaccines while according highest priority to domestic needs.

Supplies till 17 March 2021 (In lakhs)

Sl. No.	Country	Grant	Commercial	COVAX	Total Supplies
		Quantity	Quantity	Quantity	
1	Bangladesh	20	70		90
2	Myanmar	17	20		37
3	Nepal	10	10	3.48	23.48
4	Bhutan	1.5		0.24	1.74
5	Maldives	2		0.12	2.12
6	Mauritius	1	1		2
7	Seychelles	0.5			0.5
8	Sri Lanka	5	5	2.64	12.64
9	Bahrain	1			1
10	Brazil		40		40
11	Morocco		70		70
12	Oman	1			1
13	Egypt		0.5		0.5
14	Algeria		0.5		0.5
15	South Africa		10		10
16	Kuwait		2		2
17	UAE		2		2
18	Afghanistan	5		4.68	9.68
19	Barbados	1			1
20	Dominica	0.7			0.7
21	Mexico		8.7		8.7
22	Dominican Republic	0.3	0.2		0.5
23	Saudi Arabia		30		30
24	El Salvador		0.2		0.2
25	Argentina		5.8		5.8
26	Serbia		1.5		1.5
27	UN Health workers		1		1
28	Mongolia	1.5			1.5
29	Ukraine		5		5
30	Ghana	0.5	0.02	6	6.52
31	Ivory Coast	0.5		5.04	5.54
32	St. Lucia	0.25			0.25
33	St. Kitts & Nevis	0.2			0.2

34	St. Vincent & Grenadines	0.4			0.4
35	Suriname	0.5			0.5
36	Antigua & Barbuda	0.4			0.4
37	DR Congo	0.5		17.16	17.66
38	Angola			6.24	6.24
39	Gambia			0.36	0.36
40	Nigeria			39.24	39.24
41	Cambodia			3.24	3.24
42	Kenya	1		10.20	11.2
43	Lesotho			0.36	0.36
44	Rwanda	0.5		2.40	2.9
45	Sao Tome & Principe			0.24	0.24
46	Senegal	0.25		3.24	3.49
47	Guatemala	2			2
48	Canada		5.00		5
49	Mali			3.96	3.96
50	Sudan			8.28	8.28
51	Liberia			0.96	0.96
52	Malawi	0.5		3.60	4.1
53	Uganda	1.00		8.64	9.64
54	Nicaragua	2.00		1.35	3.35
55	Guyana	0.8			0.8
56	Jamaica	0.50			0.50
57	UK		50		50.00
58	Togo			1.56	1.56
59	Djibouti			0.24	0.24
60	Somalia			3.00	3.00
61	Seirra Leone			0.96	0.96
62	Belize	0.25			0.25
63	Botswana	0.30			0.30
64	Mozambique	1.00		3.84	4.84
65	Ethiopia			21.84	21.84
66	Tajikistan			1.92	1.92
67	Benin			1.44	1.44
68	Eswatini	0.20		0.12	0.32
69	Bahamas	0.20			0.20
70	Cape Verde			0.24	0.24

71	Iran		1.25		1.25
72	Uzbekistan			6.60	6.60
73	Solomon Islands			0.24	0.24
74	Laos			1.32	1.32
Total		81.25	339.67	174.99	595.91