

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2514
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH AUGUST, 2021**

PHOTOGRAPH OF PM ON COVID-19 VACCINE CERTIFICATE

2514. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR:

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

- (a) whether it is necessary and compulsory to print photographs of Prime Minister on the certificate of COVID-19;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and who has made it compulsory;
- (c) whether any State/UT has not printed the photograph of Prime minister on the COVID-19 certificate, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the action Government has initiated against such State/UT; and
- (e) whether any Government before has made necessary or compulsory to print the photograph of then Prime Minister on any vaccines such as Polio, small pox, etc, if so, the details like name of the Prime Minister, year and the names of vaccines?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

- (a) to (e) The formats of COVID-19 vaccination certificates, which are being issued to vaccinated beneficiaries from Co-WIN, are standardized and conform to the evolving WHO guidance on verifiable vaccination certificates.

Given the context of the pandemic, its evolving nature and the fact that following of COVID Appropriate Behaviours has emerged as one of the most critical measures for preventing the spread of disease. The Photograph along with the message of Hon'ble Prime Minister in the vaccination certificates reinforces the message for creating awareness about the importance of following COVID-19 Appropriate behaviour even after vaccination, in larger public interest.

It is the moral and ethical responsibility of the government to ensure that such critical messages are disseminated to people in the most effective manner. The format of vaccination certificate, compliant with the WHO norms for vaccination certificates, including the message and presentation about importance of following COVID Appropriate Behaviour even after vaccination, has been decided keeping all these factors in consideration.

All States/UTs are using Co-WIN application for COVID-19 Vaccination and vaccination certificates are generated through Co-WIN in a standard format.
