

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2530
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH AUGUST, 2021**

SIDE EFFECTS OF COVID-19 VACCINATION

2530. SHRI M.V. SHREYAMS KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether the vaccines for COVID-19 do not provide any guarantee on their side effects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including reasons; and
- (c) the steps taken or being taken by Government to ensure that people who develop side effects after vaccination are suitably compensated?

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

(a) & (b): Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) has granted permission to five COVID-19 vaccines for active immunization of individuals of ≥ 18 years old for the prevention of COVID-19.

Like any drugs, the administration of vaccine may result in side effects which are usually mild and self-limiting. Vary rarely serious adverse effects are noted. Common side effects may include headache, rash, chills, myalgia, fatigue, fever, dizziness, swelling or redness at the site of injection, pyrexia etc. However, the benefits of the current Covid-19 vaccines approved in the country, outweighs any risk associated with their vaccines.

New Drugs including Vaccines are approved under the provisions of New Drugs and Clinical Trials Rules, 2019 based on safety & efficacy profiles of product.

(c): For COVID-19 vaccination, measures have been put in place like availability of anaphylaxis kits at each vaccination site, immediate referral to Adverse Event Following Immunization (AEFI) management center and observation of vaccine recipients for 30 minutes at session site for any adverse events so as to take timely corrective measure. Also, the AEFI management of such cases are provided free of cost treatment in Public Health Facilities.
