

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1686
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03TH AUGUST, 2021**

MIX-AND-MATCH COVID VACCINES

1686 SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY:

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

- (a) whether we can mix first and second doses of COVID vaccines and administer them on people who need it;
- (b) whether any studies have been carried out or is there any scientific evidence that such mixing would not have any adverse impact on people;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it is a fact that researcher in Spain found that vaccinating people with both Oxford-AstraZeneca and Pfizer-BioNTech vaccines is safe and producing potent immune system; and
- (e) if so, the details of such outcome?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE**

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(a) to (e): So far, no recommendation has been made for mixing first and second doses of COVID vaccines by National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (NTAGI) or National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC).

COVID-19 vaccines have been developed recently, therefore, scientific evidence regarding mix and match studies of different vaccines is still evolving.

There is no specific recommendation from World Health Organization presently on mix and match of vaccines.