

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.258
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH JULY, 2021**

FREE OF COST VACCINATION

258 SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:

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

- (a) by when Government aims to have the whole country vaccinated and the details thereof and
- (b) the number of individuals who have been vaccinated free of cost in 18-44 age bracket?

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

(a): The COVID-19 vaccination is an ongoing and dynamic process, which is being guided by National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) on the basis of concurrent scientific evidence. In view of the dynamic and evolving nature of COVID-19 pandemic, no fixed timeline at present can be indicated for the completion of vaccination drive, however, it is expected that all beneficiaries aged 18 years and above will be vaccinated by December 2021.

(b): As on 16th July 2021, a total of 10.91 crore doses have been administered free of cost to the beneficiaries in the age group of 18-44 years at Government COVID-19 Vaccination Centres (CVCs).