

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.921
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH JULY, 2021**

FAKE COVID VACCINATION CAMPS

**921 SHRI SANJAY SETH:
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Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government attention is drawn to fake COVID vaccination camps in some parts of the country and, if so, the details thereof
- (b) the number of people who have been given fake vaccination
- (c) whether Government has taken any action against the persons involved in fake vaccination camps and, if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof
- (d) the steps taken by Government to prevent fake COVID vaccination and
- (e) the other steps taken by Government to provide vaccination free of cost to all people in age group of 18 years and above in a time bound manner?

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

(a) & (b): Instances of fake Covid Vaccination Camps in the States of Maharashtra & West Bengal have come to the notice of Government of India.

(c) & (d): The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has formally directed both the State Governments to investigate these incidences and take stringent legal and administrative actions so that such fraudulent incidences are not repeated in future.

Further, communication has also been sent to all States/UTs that all beneficiaries who receive vaccines must be captured on CoWIN portal and issued digital vaccination certificate. All Vaccination sessions conducting Covid vaccination should be recorded on CoWIN portal.

(e): COVID-19 vaccination is provided free of cost to all persons aged 18 years and above at government COVID Vaccination Centres (CVCs).

Government of India has ensured improved accessibility of safe COVID-19 vaccination services through increase in vaccination centres, citizen friendly upgradation of Co-WIN,

establishment of 24x7 national call center helpline to address queries from general public on COVID-19 and the vaccination process. All COVID-19 Vaccination Centres (CVCs) are advised to publish the vaccine slots (mentioning details such as vaccine type, cost, number of slots, number of walk-in/online slots etc.), in advance, for convenient booking of slots by the beneficiaries.

Further, a communication strategy is in place which is being implemented across all States/UTs with a focus to sustain vaccine confidence and address vaccine hesitancy.

Accessibility of vaccination is also being improved through involving Workplace CVCs & 'Near to Home' CVCs. Continued efforts are also being made to ramp up domestic production of vaccines.