

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2264
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9th August, 2021

COVID-19 CASES AMONGST THE ARMED FORCES

2264 SHRI BINOY VISWAM:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of cases and fatalities across the Armed Forces due to COVID-19;
- (b) the percentage of Armed Forces already been completely vaccinated; and
- (c) whether Government has considered any booster vaccination/additional dose for members of the Armed Forces?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
SHRI AJAY BHATT

- (a) The details of COVID-19 positive cases in the Armed Forces are as under:

	No. of positive cases	No. of deaths
Army	42950	134
Navy	6808	4
Air Force	14604	47

- (b) Almost 100% of Armed Forces serving personnel have been completely vaccinated for COVID-19.
- (c) So far, no specific recommendation regarding COVID-19 vaccine booster dose has been made by either National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (NTAGI) or National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC). Further, the World Health Organization (WHO) also has not made any recommendation on booster dose for COVID-19.
