GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2361 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021

COVID-19 VACCINATION OF MINORITY COMMUNITIES

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Will the Minister of Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of number of vaccines for COVID- 19 administered to members from all minority communities till date, State-wise;
- (b) whether Government has conducted any awareness and outreach initiatives for vaccination drives for minority communities; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a) to (c) The details of the vaccines administered to the citizens is available in public domain on COWIN platform for reference, the details are monitored centrally by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

The Ministry of Minority Affairs has started an awareness campaign "Jaan Hai To Jahan Hai" on Covid-19 Vaccination to prevent apprehensions and rumors, under which various organizations associated with the Ministry like State Waqf Boards, State Haj committees, State Channelizing agencies and Programme Implementing Agencies(PIAs) empanelled in the Ministry for the implementation of various schemes were urged to reach out to the people and work towards spreading awareness and getting rid of the vaccine hesitancy amongst the local communities. Ministry is also reaching out to more than 80 lakh beneficiaries of its various schemes and highlighting the benefits of vaccination to them.

In addition to the above, the Ministry has also utilized the social media platforms to spread awareness on vaccination through various renowned personalities from the field of social, cultural and religion as influencers.
