

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

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.174
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 14TH DECEMBER, 2021**

STATUS OF VACCINATION AMONG WOMEN

174 # SMT. GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that women are getting less vaccinated with COVID19 vaccine due to lack of awareness; and

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken by Government to maintain the ratio of women coming to vaccination booths for vaccine in order to do away with this difference?

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

(a) & (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA
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(a) & (b): As on 8th December 2021, 48.70% of the total Covid vaccine doses were administered to women which approximates to the estimated proportion of women in the country's population which is 48%.

At the beginning of COVID-19 vaccination program, pregnancy and lactation were contraindications for vaccination. On the basis of review of available scientific evidence, recommendations of domain knowledge experts and stake holder consultation, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare approved vaccination of lactating women on 19th May'21 and of pregnant women on 2nd July'21.

Further, States/UTs have been provided detailed guidance on preparing counselling and vaccination plan for pregnant women. A communication strategy is also in place which is being implemented across all States/UTs with a focus to sustain vaccine confidence.
