

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.196
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2021**

INDIAN VACCINATION CERTIFICATES

***196. Dr. V. SIVADASAN:**

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian vaccination certificates are accepted in all the nations of the world;**
- (b) if not, the nations that do not accept Indian vaccination certificates; and**
- (c) the steps taken by the Union Government to resolve the same?**

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(DR. SUBRAHMANYAM JAISHANKAR)**

- (a) to (c) The statement is laid on the table of the House.**

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE
RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO *196 REGARDING “INDIAN
VACCINATION CERTIFICATES” TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2021.**

The Government assigns high priority to smooth travel abroad of Indian nationals. Quarantine stipulations and entry conditions of other nations have emerged as obstacles in that regard. Recognizing the necessity of facilitating travel especially of workers, professionals, students, business people, tourists and those with families abroad has been a focal point of our diplomacy in recent months. A significant aspect of that pertains to vaccination status and recognition.

As of 13 December 2021, a total of 113 countries accept India's vaccination certificate as per the list in **Appendix-1**. Some of these countries have explicitly reached agreements for mutual recognition of vaccination certificates with India, while others have their own protocols which apply to all vaccinated travellers, including from India.

At present, there is no multilateral agreement on linking international travel with vaccination status. Wherever nations have not instituted a protocol that facilitates travel by vaccinated Indians, the Government has decided to reach bilateral understandings to that end. In this regard, the Union Cabinet has approved on 29 September 2021 pursuing mutual recognition of COVID-19 vaccination certificates with individual countries, either through exchange of Note Verbales or through signing of Memorandum of Understanding. Till 13 December 2021, India has entered into agreements on Mutual Recognition of Covid-19 Vaccination certificate with 22 countries. The list is in **Appendix-2**.

Appendix-1 For Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 196

Sl. NO.	Country/Region	Sl. NO.	Country/Region	Sl. NO.	Country/Region
1	Albania	21	Commonwealth of Dominica	41	Honduras
2	Andorra	22	Comoros	42	Hungary
3	Angola	23	Costa Rica	43	Iceland
4	Antigua & Barbuda	24	Croatia	44	Iran
5	Argentina	25	Cyprus	45	Ireland
6	Armenia	26	Czech Republic	46	Israel
7	Australia	27	Dominican Republic	47	Italy
8	Austria	28	Egypt	48	Jamaica
9	Azerbaijan	29	El Salvador	49	Kazakhstan
10	Bahrain	30	Estonia	50	Kuwait
11	Bangladesh	31	Eswatini	51	Kyrgyz Republic
12	Belarus	32	Finland	52	Latvia
13	Belgium	33	France	53	Lebanon
14	Benin	34	Georgia	54	Liechtenstein
15	Botswana	35	Germany	55	Luxembourg
16	Brazil	36	Ghana	56	Malawi
17	Bulgaria	37	Greece	57	Maldives
18	Canada	38	Guatemala	58	Mali
19	Chad	39	Guyana	59	Mauritius
20	Columbia	40	Haiti	60	Mexico
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61	Moldova	81	Serbia	101	Ukraine
62	Monaco	82	Sierra Leone	102	United States of America
63	Mongolia	83	Singapore	103	Uruguay
64	Montenegro	84	Slovak Republic	104	Zimbabwe
65	Namibia	85	Slovenia	105	Cambodia
66	Nepal	86	South Sudan	106	Hong Kong

67	Netherlands	87	Spain	107	Malaysia
68	Nicaragua	88	Sri Lanka	108	Myanmar
69	Nigeria	89	State of Palestine	109	New Zealand
70	Oman	90	Sudan	110	St. Kitts and Nevis
71	Panama	91	Sweden	111	Thailand
72	Paraguay	92	Switzerland	112	Venezuela
73	Peru	93	Syria	113	Vietnam
74	Philippines	94	The Bahamas		
75	Poland	95	The United Kingdom		
76	Qatar	96	Trinidad & Tobago		
77	Romania	97	Tunisia		
78	Russia	98	Turkey		
79	Rwanda	99	UAE		
80	San Marino	100	Uganda		

Appendix-2 For Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 196

Sl. No.	Country
1	Hungary
2	Serbia
3	Mongolia
4	Mauritius
5	Estonia
6	Kyrgyzstan
7	State of Palestine
8	Belarus
9	Ukraine
10	San Marino
11	Philippines
12	Kazakhstan
13	Georgia
14	Lebanon
15	Iran
16	Nepal
17	Australia
18	Switzerland
19	Bangladesh
20	Turkey
21	Nicaragua
22	Singapore
