

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2146
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2021

STRENGTHENING TIES WITH NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES

2146. SHRI SUJEET KUMAR

Will the Minister of **External Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) measures taken by Government towards its neighbouring countries to counter China's influence in the sub-continent;
- (b) whether China has supplied a good number of vaccines for COVID-19 to Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka, which would strengthen their ties with China; and
- (c) if so, the number of vaccines supplied by the Indian Government to the above three countries?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[Dr. RAJKUMAR RANJAN SINGH]

(a) & (b) Government accords the highest priority to India's relations with our neighbouring countries. India is an active political and economic partner of its neighbours and is involved in various projects, including development projects with these countries. India also has extensive education, culture, trade and investment linkages with neighbouring countries.

India's relations with other countries stand on their own footing and are independent of the relations of those countries with third countries. Government is aware of China's economic and other engagements, including in the areas of COVID-19 cooperation and supply of vaccines, with countries in India's neighbourhood. Government is vigilant on all developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.

(c) The details of vaccine doses supplied by India to Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka are given at **Annexure A**.

The details of vaccine doses supplied to Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka till 06 December 2021 by India:-

Doses Supplied so far (In lakhs)					
Sl. No.	Country	Grant Quantity	Commercial Quantity	COVAX Quantity	Total Supplies
1.	Bangladesh	33	125.006	35	193.006
2.	Nepal	11.12	20	20.455	51.575
3.	Sri Lanka	5	5	2.64	12.64
