

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2645
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21TH DECEMBER, 2021**

EFFECTIVENESS OF ZYDUS CADILA'S ZYCOV-D VACCINE

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Zydus Cadila agreed to reduce its COVID-19 vaccine price to ₹ 265 per dose after intense negotiation by the Ministry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) to what extent entry of Zydus Cadila's ZyCov-D vaccine helps to cover more people with vaccine;
- (d) whether this vaccine is permitted for children above 12 years of age and, if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether it is also a fact that this DNA vaccine is going to be administered with PharmaJet and, if so, details thereof; and
- (f) the effectiveness of existing and vaccines proposed to be permitted into the country on Omicron?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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(a) to (f) ZyCoV-D vaccine has received the approval for Restricted Use in Emergency Setting by the National Regulator i.e. Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) for the age group of 12 years and above, to be administered using, a needle free applicator, which ensures intradermal vaccine delivery.

Government of India through M/s HLL Lifecare Limited the procurement agency, has placed order for procurement of ZyCoV-D vaccine from M/s Zydus Cadila @ Rs. 358 per dose (Rs. 265 vaccine price per dose + Rs 93 cost of disposable and needle free applicator). This will increase the number of vaccines available in National Covid-19 Vaccination Program.

The potential impact of Omicron variant on existing countermeasures including vaccine is scrutinized by technical groups worldwide, However, current vaccines used in National Covid-19 Vaccination Program remain effective to prevent the risk of severe disease due to COVID-19.
