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

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1065 TO BE ANSWERED ON 07TH DECEMBER 2021

RESUMING SUPPLIES OF COVID-19 VACCINES TO LOW INCOME COUNTRIES 1065. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA:

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

- (a) whether it is fact that the World Health Organization, which co-leads COVAX, has been urging India to restart supplies of COVID-19 vaccine for the programme; and
- (b) if so, the response of Government in this regard to help the low income countries?

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

(a) & (b) COVAX Facility co-lead by WHO has maintained that no effort should be spared to substantially increase vaccine supply for lower-income countries and has called all countries that are well-supplied with COVID-19 vaccines to donate doses to COVAX and on manufacturers to prioritize supplies to COVAX.

Government of India has so far already supplied 222.56 lakh of Covid-19 vaccine doses to COVAX.
