

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.243  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021**

**COVID-19 VACCINATION FOR CHILDREN**

**243 SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA**

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

- (a) whether Government is considering Bharat Biotech's Covaxin for children under the age of 12 years;
- (b) if so, the status of trials for the same;
- (c) Government's plan for vaccinating children below the age of 18 years; and;
- (d) the details of the plan and other COVID-19 vaccines which have been approved, or are being considered for children of this age group?

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

(a) to (d): The Interim Phase II/III clinical trial data of COVAXIN on Healthy Volunteers aged 2 to 18 years submitted by M/s Bharat Biotech was deliberated in the meetings of Subject Expert Committee (SEC). The committee recommended for grant of market authorization for age group of 2 to 18 years for Restricted Use in Emergency Situation subject to various conditions. This recommendation is being examined and additional information has been requested at the level of Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO).

CDSCO has also approved COVID-19 vaccine (ZyCoV-D) of M/s Cadila Healthcare for restricted use in emergency situation in the age group 12 years and above.

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