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

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1542 TO BE ANSWERED ON 15th MARCH 2022

DATA LEAK FROM COWIN PORTAL

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

- a) Whether Government has noticed the media report that the COWIN data from COWIN portal has been leaked, if so, the details thereof;
- b) Whether any websites like 're forum' were identified that they are selling data from COWIN portal, if so, the details thereof; and
- c) The details of precautionary measures taken to protect the data security of COWIN portal?

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

- (a) & (b) The Union Government has noticed media reports claiming that the CoWIN data from CoWIN portal has been leaked. The matter was investigated and rebuttal was issued clarifying that the claims relating to the Co-WIN system and data leak, is baseless and no data has leaked from Co-WIN portal and the entire data of beneficiaries is safe.
- (c) The data of beneficiaries on CoWIN portal is limited to Name, Age, Gender, Mobile Number and Photo ID details. Co-WIN stores all the vaccination data in a safe and secure digital environment. The data remains safe in the portal through data encryption. No Co-WIN data is shared with any entity outside the Co-WIN environment. Further the bulk download of CoWIN data is not possible. Any reported issues are quickly investigated by Computer Emergency Response Team of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MietY).
