

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3776
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH APRIL 2022**

GUIDELINES FOR THE INOCULATION OF CHILDREN BELOW 18 YEARS

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

- (a) the guidelines/regulatory mechanism introduced by Government regarding the inoculation of children below 18 years; and
- (b) the total number of target group and how many children in the target group have been vaccinated till date?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Government of India has expanded the COVID-19 vaccination to beneficiaries aged 15-18 years from 3rd January 2022 and 12-14 years from 16th March 2022 on the recommendation of domain knowledge experts and has issued advisories in this regard to all States/UTs. Detailed guidelines on COVID-19 vaccination of beneficiaries aged 12-14 years and 15-18 years are available on website of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare at the following links:

<https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/GuidelinesCovidvaccination12to14yrchildrenMarch2022.pdf>

<https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/GuidelinesforCOVID19VaccinationofChildrenbetween15to18yearsandPrecautionDosestoHCWsFLWs&60populationwithcomorbidities.pdf>

As on 30th March 2022, against the estimated population of about 7.40 crore beneficiaries aged 15-18 years, a total of 5.70 crore (77%) have received atleast one dose, 3.77 crore (51%) beneficiaries have received 2nd dose of COVID vaccine.

As on 30th March 2022, against the estimated population of 4.7 crore beneficiaries aged 12-14 years, a total of 1.51 crore (32%) have received 1st dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
