

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2958
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th MARCH 2022**

100 PER CENT VACCINATION OF ADOLESCENTS

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

- (a) the number of adolescents in the age group of 15 to 18 years who have received jabs of COVID-19 vaccine so far; and
- (b) the plan that has been chalked out for 100 per cent vaccination of adolescents below the age of 15 years and the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) As on 23rd March 2022, a total of 5.64 crore (76%) beneficiaries have received at least one dose and 3.61 crore (49%) have received 2nd dose of Covid-19 vaccine in the 15-18 years age group.

On recommendation of domain knowledge expert, Government of India has expanded the COVID-19 vaccination to beneficiaries aged 12-14 years from 16th March 2022.

Government of India has been regularly reviewing the pace and coverage of COVID-19 vaccination and has issued multiple advisories to States/UTs to cover eligible beneficiaries with both doses of COVID-19 vaccine. Adequate Covid-19 vaccine doses are made available to all States/UTs to vaccinate all eligible beneficiaries with 1st dose and 2nd dose.
