

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 758
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2022**

COVID-19 SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY

758. SHRI LAHAR SINGH SIROYA:

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

- a) whether Government has officially endorsed the fact that COVID-19 has entered an endemic stage considering that it has abolished Air Suvidha mandate, if so, the details thereof;
- b) whether there is necessary stockpile of COVID-19 vaccines to administer the precautionary doses of the vaccine to the entire population of the country;
- c) the details of the number of precautionary doses yet to be administered and the number of available vials, State-wise;
- d) the details of the expiration date for the COVID-19 vaccine stockpile; and
- e) the details of Government's plans to procure more doses of the vaccine for the precautionary doses?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): In view of sustained declining trajectory of COVID-19 and significant advances made in COVID-19 vaccination coverage both globally as well as in India, the requirement of submitting self-declaration form on the 'Air Suvidha' portal has been discontinued. Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare monitors the global and Indian COVID-19 situation closely.

As on 7th December 2022, a total stock of 6.81 lakh Covishield and 86.45 lakh Covaxin doses are available in cold chain points across the country. COVID-19 vaccination is voluntary in nature and there is enough vaccine for those who are approaching for precaution dose. There is no vaccine near expiry in government buffer stock.
