GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICALS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1318
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12th February, 2021

Approval of COVID-19 vaccine prices

1318 Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:
Shri Digvijaya Singh:
Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:
Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:
Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of Covishield and Covaxin vaccines have been approved by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA);
(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) if not, the reasons therefor??

ANSWER

MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
(SHRI D. V. SADANANDA GOWDA)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. The Covid vaccines have been approved by the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) for restricted use in emergency situation. They are not included in the National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM). The vaccines are presently procured by the government authorities only. As such, the price of COVID vaccines have not been approved/ fixed by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA).

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