

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1690  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2021**

**COMPLETING THE VACCINATION DRIVE IN THE COUNTRY**

**1690 SHRI ABDUL WAHAB:**

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

- (a) by when Government expects to completely vaccinate the people of the country;
- (b) whether Government has any road map or plan of action to successfully complete the vaccination drive in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the amount of money allocated for vaccination in the previous budget spent by Government; and
- (e) the details of expenditure incurred on the same?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE**

**(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (e): COVID-19 vaccination is an ongoing and dynamic process, which is being guided by National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) on the basis of concurrent scientific evidence. It is expected that eligible beneficiaries aged 18 years and above will be vaccinated by December 2021.

Government of India regularly reviews the progress of National COVID-19 Vaccination Programme with all States/UTs to expedite its progress. Government of India is also providing 15 days advance visibility of vaccine availability to States/UTs with an advice to prepare and publicize in advance District-wise & CVC-wise plan for accelerating the coverage of COVID-19 vaccination and for convenience of citizens. Further, a communication strategy is in place which is being implemented across all States/UTs with a focus to sustain vaccine confidence and address vaccine hesitancy. Accessibility to vaccination is being facilitated by involving Private COVID-19 Vaccination Centres (CVCs), Workplace CVCs & 'Near to Home' CVCs. Continued efforts are also being made to ramp up domestic production of vaccines.

Rs.261.24 crores was allocated and spend for COVID-19 vaccination in the previous financial year 2020-2021. Rs. 35,000 crore has been budgeted for implementation of COVID-19 Vaccination Programme in the FY 2021-22. Till July 2021, around INR 8071.09 crore have been spent on purchase of COVID-19 vaccines.