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RAJYA SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH JULY, 2021

VACCINATION IN RURAL AREAS

252 SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

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

(a) the percentage of people from rural areas who have been vaccinated so far with at least one dose of any COVID-19 vaccines;

(b) the comparison between rural areas and urban areas in terms of people vaccinated per 1 lakh population;

(c) the percentage of the total people vaccinated in private hospitals, outside the major metropolitan cities; and

(d) the average distance to the nearest vaccination centre in rural areas in comparison with major cities?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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(a) & (b): The location of the residence of beneficiary is not recorded on CoWIN portal. However, between 1st May 2021 to 15th July 2021, approximately 56% of the total COVID-19 vaccine doses administered were administered in Rural COVID-19 Vaccination Centres (CVCs) while 40% doses were administered in urban CVCs and remaining 4% doses were administered in CVCs that are not specifically classified as urban or rural in the CoWIN portal.

(c): Between 1st May 2021 to 15th July 2021, around 7% of the total vaccinations were done in private CVCs. Segregated report of CVCs located in non-metropolitan cities is not maintained on CoWIN portal.

(d): In addition to Government and Private CVCs, COVID-19 vaccination is also available at "Work Place CVC" and "Near to Home CVCs" which are CVCs set-up at workplace or at a place nearest to residential localities respectively, to improve accessibility of vaccination to beneficiaries in both urban and rural areas. In view of dynamic nature of these CVCs, the average distance to nearest vaccination centre is not maintained on CoWIN portal.