

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 743
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8th FEBRUARY, 2022**

EXTENSION OF SHELF-LIFE OF COVID-19 VACCINES

743: SHRI JOHN BRITTAS:

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

- (a) whether Government has accorded sanction for extension of shelf-life of the already expired doses of Covaxin and Covishield by another six months;
- (b) if so, the technical and scientific data relied upon for ensuring the safety of recipients on administering such doses of vaccines of whose shelf-life were extended; and
- (c) the reasons for the shelf-life extension of the already expired doses of vaccines?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Shelf life of the vaccines are extended from time to time based on stability data generated and submitted to Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO).

At present COVAXIN of 0.5ml (Single dose) vial, 5ml vial (multi-dose) and 10ml vial (multi-dose) has shelf life of 12 months, 2.5ml (multi-dose) has shelf life of 6 months and Covishield Vaccine (Recombinant) of 5 ml vial (multi-dose glass vial) has shelf life of 9 months, 0.5 ml (single dose vial), 2ml (multi-dose vial) and 10 ml (multi-dose glass vial) has shelf life of 6 months.
