

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 776
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13th DECEMBER 2022**

ADMINISTRATION OF COVID-19 VACCINES TO TRIBALS

776. SHRI SAMIR ORAON:

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

- (a) whether any special programme has been launched to administer COVID-19 vaccines to tribal people living in remote areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the total number of tribal people vaccinated under this programme; and
- (c) if not, the plan of Government to administer COVID-19 vaccines to the tribal people living in remote areas and the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (c) Efforts have been made to vaccinate all eligible beneficiaries including the tribal people living in remote areas of the country. Initiatives like mobile vaccination units are in place to reach the people living in remote areas. Special campaigns of Har Ghar Dastak was implemented across the country with an objective of vaccinating all due beneficiaries through door-to-door mobilization and vaccination activity. From 15th July 2022, under the “Covid Vaccination Amrit Mahotsava” initiative, precaution dose was made available free of cost to all beneficiaries ≥ 18 years of age at all Government Covid Vaccination Centers (CVCs) after an interval of 6 months from the date of administration of the 2nd dose.
As on 12th December 2022, as per CoWIN portal a total of 219.97 crore doses have been administered to eligible beneficiaries across the country including tribal people.
