

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2668
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.08.2025**

FIRST MALARIA VACCINE IN THE COUNTRY

2668: SHRI ASHOKRAO SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:

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

- (a) whether India's first malaria vaccine, R21/Matrix-M, has been co-developed by the University of Oxford and the Serum Institute of India and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the vaccine has received regulatory approval for use in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the timeline for its rollout;
- (d) the manner in which this development will be helpful in India's malaria elimination goals under the National Framework for Malaria Elimination (NFME); and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by Government to ensure access, affordability and large-scale deployment of the vaccine, particularly in highly affected regions?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) to (e) The matter for use of Malaria vaccine in context of India has been reviewed in a duly constituted expert committee which recommended that India does not fall within the criteria for adopting Malaria vaccines as the vaccines are used for moderate to high transmission settings with a risk of Malaria deaths in children.
