

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3968
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24TH MARCH, 2023**

MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH CHALLENGES

3968: SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

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

(a) whether the Government subscribes to the view that focusing on a priority of easily accessible, affordable and quality medical countermeasures, with wider consensus building, especially for the Global South, will hold the answer to convergence for timely and effective preparedness and management of public health challenges;;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

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

(a) to (c): India has prioritized the agenda on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response along with access to quality medical countermeasure with particular focus on Global South under the Health Track of Indian G20 Presidency with an aim to promote availability of accessible, affordable and quality medical countermeasures across the world.

The issue is accordingly discussed in multiple meetings organized with G20 countries and other international fora with an effort to build consensus on the agenda.
