

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 412  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21<sup>st</sup> JULY 2023**

**“USE OF COVISHIELD VACCINATION”**

**412. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:**

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

- (a) whether the Government independently conducted a thorough safety study into the use of the Covishield vaccination after it was linked to an increased risk of cardiovascular diseases;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to stop the reuse of syringes in hospitals to prevent the transmission of AIDS?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
(PROF. SATYA PAL SINGH BAGHEL)**

(a) & (b) Three studies in this regard have been initiated by ICMR namely:

- i. “Factors associated with sudden deaths among adults aged 18-45 years, India**
- ii. “Effect of COVID-19 vaccine on thrombotic events among 18-45-year-old population in India, 2022**
- iii. “Establishing the cause in sudden unexplained death in the young”,**

(c) Under the National AIDS and STD Control Programme (NACO), compliance of standard precautions with all blood specimens including not re-using of needles/syringes and ensuring their proper disposal to prevent transmission of HIV is mandatory. The Government has initiated procurement of auto disable (AD)/re-use prevention (RUP) syringes by the States/UTs to enable prevention of infection including AIDS.

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