

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1984
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH FEBRUARY, 2021**

COVID-19 VACCINES OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

1984.SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has so far prepared a 113-page COVID-19 vaccines operational guidelines, which was shared with State/UTs on December 15;
- (b) whether the same has not yet been released in the public domain, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has identified the category of persons who are likely to get vaccinated, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether the Government has prepared a database on people with co-morbidities, if so, the details thereof and if not, the manner in which the Government is likely to identify such persons for vaccination?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) & (b): Yes, operational guidelines for COVID-19 have been shared with all States/UTs on 11th December 2020 and after receiving comments from States the operational guideline was updated and shared with all States/UTs on 28th December 2020. The Operational guidelines is also available in the public domain through website of Ministry of Health & family Welfare, Government of India.

(c): The National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) provides guidance on all aspects of COVID-19 vaccination including prioritization of population groups for COVID vaccination.

NEGVAC has prioritized Health Care Workers and Front-Line Workers during the initial phase of COVID-19 vaccination followed by prioritized population groups of persons aged 50 years and above, and those aged less than 50 years with comorbidities.

(d): NEGVAC has a system in place to finalize the co-morbidities for prioritization for COVID-19 vaccination.