

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2051  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2021**

**PRICE OF COVISHIELD VACCINE**

**2051.DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has permitted sale of Covishield vaccine in open market within the country, if so, the details thereof and the price fixed per dose thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has assessed the affordability of the said vaccine in open market by large sections of the population particularly Below Poverty Line persons (BPL) and Economically Weaker Sections (EWS);
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to ensure affordable access to the vaccine particularly the vulnerable persons belonging to BPL, EWS, and homeless category amongst others;
- (d) whether Covid vaccines are proposed to be added on the list of essential medicines; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): Covishield manufactured by M/s Serum Institute of India has only been granted permission for restricted use in emergency situation by the National Regulator i.e. Drug Controller General of India [DCG(I)].

Open market sale of “Covishield” vaccine has not been approved so far by Drug Controller General of India [DCG(I)].

(b) to (e): In view of reply at (a) above, question does not arise.