

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2915
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH MARCH, 2021**

FREE VACCINE TO ASHA WORKERS

2915. SHRIMATI SANGEETA AZAD:

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

- (a) whether rural healthcare workers such as ASHA workers and such others have been placed in the category of frontline workers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide free COVID-19 vaccine of Corona to frontline workers; and
- (d) 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) & (b): Rural health care workers such as ASHA workers have been placed in the category of Health Care Workers for the purpose of Covid-19 vaccination. This category includes Healthcare providers and workers in healthcare settings both government & private.

(c) & (d): The National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) has prioritized Health Care Workers, Front Line Workers, persons aged 60 years and above, and those aged between 45 to 59 years with identified comorbidities for COVID-19 vaccination.

COVID-19 vaccination is available free of cost at Government COVID-19 Vaccination Centres (CVCs) to persons of above mentioned priority groups.