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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3938 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH March, 2021

DELAY IN CONDUCTING OTHER VACCINATION PROGRAMMES

3938. SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA: SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA: SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD:

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

(a) whether there is any delay in conducting other vaccination programmes by the Government due to the COVID vaccination;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether vaccination against other diseases can be taken along with the COVID vaccination; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): There has been no delay in conducting other vaccination programmes by the Government due to the COVID vaccination which began from 16^{th} Jan 2021 except for the Pulse Polio Programme which was rescheduled and held from 31^{st} Jan 21.

(c) & (d): The target age groups for COVID-19 Vaccination and vaccination against other diseases under Universal Immunization Program are not the same, as at present.