

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4000  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2021**

**COVID-19 VACCINATION IN BIHAR**

**4000. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has started COVID-19 vaccination for general public in the country during the month of January, 2021;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of targeted population to be vaccinated, during 2021, State/UT-wise especially in Bihar?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b): As per the recommendation of National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC), the roll-out of COVID-19 vaccination drive started from 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021 from Health Care Workers followed by Front Line Workers. The vaccination for persons aged 60 years and above and those aged between 45 to 59 years with identified comorbidities started from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

Till 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021, the 1<sup>st</sup> dose of COVID-19 vaccine has been administered to a total of 73.55 lakh Health Care Workers, 73.40 lakh Front Line Workers, 82.92 lakh persons aged 60 years and above and 14.64 lakh persons aged between 45 to 59 years with 20 identified comorbidities.

(c): The COVID-19 Vaccination is an ongoing and dynamic process, which is being expanded to include beneficiary groups as prioritized by National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC). In view of dynamic nature of COVID-19 pandemic and inclusion of new priority groups, for vaccination no specific target for the population to be vaccinated is set.