

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4124
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH MARCH, 2021**

VACCINATION CENTRES

**4124. SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI V.K.SREEKANDAN:
PROF. SAUGATA RAY:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:
SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:
SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:
SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA KRISHNA RAJU:
SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:**

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

- (a) whether COVID-19 vaccine is open for general public from March 1, 2021 with particular focus on people above 60 years and those above 45 years with co morbidities, if so, the details thereof and the number of persons likely to be covered in this phase;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of Vaccine Centres for covering the large number of citizens in this phase, if so, the details of the current Vaccination Centres and the number likely to be increased, State/UT-wise including Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposals from States/UTs in this regard, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has issued any directions for the beneficiaries of Central Government Health Scheme for the said purpose, if so, the details thereof and if not, the corrective steps/measures taken in this regard; and
- (e) whether the Government is apprehensive of utilizing the services of Private hospitals on account of mismanagement by them, if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, whether the private sector hospitals are involved as COVID Vaccination Centres, if so, the number of such hospitals involved thereon, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): As per the recommendations of the National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC), the vaccination of persons aged 60 years & above and those aged between 45 to 59 years with 20 identified co-morbidities started in the Country from 1st March 2021.

The pace of COVID-19 vaccination is being further increased through increase in number of COVID-19 Vaccination Centres (CVCs) in both Government and Private health facilities.

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 the dynamic and evolving nature of COVID-19 pandemic and continuous inclusion of new and additional private COVID-19 Vaccination Centres, no fixed number at present can be indicated for the vaccination drive.

(c): The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has processed requests from four States (Delhi, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Telangana) to allow private health facilities beyond those private facilities which are already empanelled under AB-PMJAY, CGHS, State Health Insurance schemes, as COVID-19 Vaccination Centres (CVCs).

(d): The guidelines on Co-WIN 2.0 portal and guidelines on citizen registration and appointment process for COVID-19 vaccination is available on the website of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare for general public. No specific and separate guidelines have been issued for the beneficiaries of Central Government Health Scheme for the said purpose.

(e) & (f): Government is not apprehensive of utilizing the services of private health facilities for COVID-19 vaccination. In fact, the private health facilities that fulfil certain laid out criteria are already being used and providing vaccination as COVID-19 Vaccination Centres.

The inclusion of private COVID-19 Vaccination Centres is a dynamic process, however, the number of private CVCs registered on Co-WIN till 15th March 2021 is at Annexure.

**State/UT-wise number of Private COVID-19 Vaccination Centres (CVCs) registered on
Co-WIN portal**

as on 15th March 2021

S. No.	State	Total Private CVCs registered on COWIN
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	823
3	Arunachal Pradesh	2
4	Assam	281
5	Bihar	308
6	Chandigarh	19
7	Chhattisgarh	364
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0
9	Daman and Diu	0
10	Delhi	232
11	Goa	64
12	Gujarat	1,628
13	Haryana	1,964
14	Himachal Pradesh	58
15	Jammu and Kashmir	91
16	Jharkhand	289
17	Karnataka	2,042
18	Kerala	505
19	Ladakh	22
20	Lakshadweep	0
21	Madhya Pradesh	447
22	Maharashtra	1,764
23	Manipur	35
24	Meghalaya	26
25	Mizoram	103
26	Nagaland	29
27	Odisha	514
28	Puducherry	13
29	Punjab	1,291
30	Rajasthan	1,298
31	Sikkim	1
32	Tamil Nadu	1,491
33	Telangana	1,254
34	Tripura	14
35	Uttar Pradesh	1,872
36	Uttarakhand	97
37	West Bengal	481
	Grand Total	19,422