

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.4794
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2021**

COVID-19 VACCINE

4794. SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is assisting neighboring countries by providing COVID-19 Vaccine;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, county-wise;
- (c) whether the vaccine is being provided free of cost; and
- (d) if so, the countries which approached India for vaccine assistance?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]**

(a) to (d) India started external supplies of Made-in-India COVID19 vaccines on 20 January 2021. The first countries to receive such vaccines were from our neighbourhood.

External supplies are being undertaken in the form of grant, commercial sales by the manufacturers and through GAVI's COVAX facility.

India, as most other countries, is implementing its COVID-19 vaccination programme in a phased manner. Taking into account domestic production, requirements of the phased roll out of national vaccination programme and the demand for Made-in-India vaccines, a decision was taken to supply the surplus to foreign countries on bilateral-grant or commercial basis. The supply to GAVI's COVAX facility is an obligation since India is a member of this multilateral body and also a recipient of vaccines from this body.

Country-wise details for supply of vaccines till 18 March 2021 are enclosed.

Supplies till 21 March 2021 (In lakhs)					
Sl. No.	Country	Grant	Commercial	COVAX	Total Supplies
		Quantity	Quantity	Quantity	
1	Bangladesh	20	70		90
2	Myanmar	17	20		37
3	Nepal	10	10	3.48	23.48
4	Bhutan	1.5		0.24	1.74
5	Maldives	2		0.12	2.12
6	Sri Lanka	5	5	2.64	12.64
7	Afghanistan	5		4.68	9.68
