

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 757  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5<sup>TH</sup> February, 2021**

**ROLLOUT OF COVID VACCINE**

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched the pan India rollout of COVID-19 Vaccination drive and if so, the details thereof and the total quantum of funds allocated in this regard;
- (b) the details of the criteria adopted and targets fixed for distribution/allocation of vaccine to various States/UTs;
- (c) whether any case of reaction/problem among the persons provided vaccine has been reported so far in the country;
- (d) if so, the details and the manner in which such reaction/problem has been managed;
- (e) whether any other countries have finalized to import Indian COVID-19 vaccine and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to set up specific infrastructure for smooth movement of COVID-19 vaccines in the country?

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

(a): Yes, the roll-out of COVID-19 vaccination drive has begun from 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021. During the initial phases, vaccine is being provided to the priority groups of Health Care Workers and Front Line Workers for which, apart from free of cost supply of vaccines, operational cost of INR 123.49 crore has been released to State/UTs.

(b): The distribution of vaccines to States/UTs is being done as per the beneficiaries data load registered on the CO-WIN portal.

(c) & (d): A total of 7,580 Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFIs) have been reported so far.

After vaccination beneficiaries are advised to wait for 30 minutes at the session site for observation. The vaccination sessions site is also provided with medicine and staff manning session site are trained to manage any AEFIs. If required cases are referred to AEFI management centres which are usually government health facilities, for further management.

(e): Some countries i.e. Bangladesh, Saudi Arabia, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, Afghanistan, Srilanka, Bhutan, Maldives, Oman, Bahrain, Mauritius, Seychelles, Brazil, South Africa and Mongolia have finalized to import Indian COVID-19 vaccines, so far.

(f): The existing infrastructure under Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) is being utilized and is simultaneously strengthened for smooth movement of COVID-19 vaccines in the country.