

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 761
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH February, 2021**

PRIORITIZATION FOR COVID VACCINATION

761. SHRI SUBBARAYAN K.:

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

- (a) whether the Government has received any demand from bank employees for their inclusion in the priority category for the administration of COVID vaccine;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

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

(a) to (c): Yes, the Government has received representation from bank officers for their inclusion in the priority category for the administration of COVID vaccine.

The National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) provides guidance on all aspects of COVID-19 vaccination including prioritization of population groups, procurement and inventory management, vaccine selection, vaccine delivery and tracking mechanism etc.

NEGVAC has recommended priority groups for administration of COVID-19 vaccines. The recommendations of NEGVAC in this regard have been accepted by the Government. As per these recommendations, the prioritized groups comprise Health Care Workers, Front Line Workers (which includes State and Central Police departments, Armed Forces, Home, Guard, prison staff, disaster management volunteers and Civil Defense Organization, Municipal Workers, Revenue & Panchayati Raj Institution officials engaged in COVID-19 containment, surveillance and associated activities) persons above the age of 50 years and persons below 50 years with associated comorbidities.