

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 19.07.2021

COVID-19 IN TRIBAL AREAS

1. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the measures being taken by the Government to ensure the vaccination of Tribal people and if so; the details of the percentage of tribal people vaccinate, State wise;
- (b) the impact of COVID-19 on the people in tribal areas and if so, the details of the casualties from tribal areas State wise;
- (c) the details of the percentage of death due to COVID-19 in tribal areas?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SMT. RENUKA SINGH SARUTA)

- (a) COVID-19 vaccination drive has been ongoing across the country since 16th January 2021. Since 21st June 2021, 'Revised Guidelines for implementation of National COVID Vaccination Program' have come in effect according to which all citizens irrespective of their income status are entitled to free vaccination.

The COVID-19 vaccination drive does not make any discrimination on the basis of gender, socio-economic class or residence etc. However, all efforts have been made to ensure vaccination of people in tribal areas including and not limited to options of registration at Common Service Centres, 'walk-in registration' at COVID-19 vaccination centre and 'Near to Home Vaccination Centres for elderly people and people with disabilities'.

The CoWIN portal does not maintain record of religion or caste of the beneficiaries. However, in the 176 identified tribal districts, as on 15th July 2021, a total of 4.81 crore doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered. The State/UT-wise details of doses administered is at Annexure-1.

- (b) Tribal areas pose additional challenges and hence requires additional focus. Tribal communities are geographically and socioeconomically relatively segregated and have poor access to health care. Accordingly, Government of India has issued a SOP on COVID-19 Containment & Management in Peri-urban, Rural & Tribal areas.
- (c) Such centralized data on COVID-19 mortality with Urban/Rural/Tribal breakup is not maintained by the Government.

Annexure1**State/UT-wise details of COVID-19 vaccines administered in Tribal Areas**(As on 15th July 2021)

S. No.	State/UT	No. of Tribal Districts	COVID-19 Vaccine doses administered
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	1	24,118
2	Andhra Pradesh	1	17,57,749
3	Arunachal Pradesh	16	4,89,130
4	Assam	7	10,01,812
5	Bihar	6	30,85,679
6	Chhattisgarh	19	57,80,523
7	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	1	3,01,350
8	Gujarat	10	51,37,007
9	Himachal Pradesh	3	3,82,940
10	Jammu and Kashmir	3	6,59,835
11	Jharkhand	19	62,55,460
12	Ladakh	2	2,46,019
13	Lakshadweep	1	60,540
14	Madhya Pradesh	19	62,14,624
15	Maharashtra	5	35,40,649
16	Manipur	5	1,57,879
17	Meghalaya	8	7,41,793
18	Mizoram	8	5,71,343
19	Nagaland	11	6,33,241
20	Odisha	14	44,98,193
21	Rajasthan	5	30,31,378
22	Sikkim	4	5,76,491
23	Telangana	1	3,81,523
24	Tripura	5	14,48,597
25	West Bengal	2	11,54,184
	India	176	4,81,32,057
