GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1433 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2021

VACCINE PASSPORTS

1433. SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK NIMBALKAR:

SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government plans to introduce vaccine passports to bring ease of travel to and from foreign destinations;
- (b) if so, the details of the personal information which would be included in the digital vaccine passport;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to collaborate with other countries to bring out an interoperable passport and if so, the details thereof:
- (d) whether the Government has started negotiating with foreign countries and other international organizations for vaccine passports; and
- (e) if so, the details of the Countries/Organizations with which the Government has initiated talks?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) to (e) There is no plan to introduce vaccine passport. While there have been multilateral discussions, including under the framework of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), regarding COVID-19 vaccination certificates, no multilateral arrangements in this regard have been reached so far. India has been part of ongoing discussions to ensure that Indian manufactured vaccines are duly recognised in any multilateral arrangement. India is also engaging with countries for mutual recognition of vaccination certificates.
