

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1620
(To be answered on the 29th July 2021)**

DRONES FOR VACCINES

1620. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of steps being taken by the Government in supplying vaccines to inaccessible and remote areas of the country including Odisha for protection from Corona;
- (b) whether the Government is using unmanned aircraft, drone etc. for supplying vaccines; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a) During the period 12 Jan 2021 to 22 July 2021, approximately 42.2 crore doses have been transported. Out of these approximately 35.8 crore doses have been handled at domestic airports and approximately 6.4 crore doses have been dispatched to international destinations. Approximately 1.2 crore doses have been transported to Bhubaneswar airport during the period 12 Jan 2021 to 22 July 2021.

(b) & (c) Conditional exemption from Unamnned Aircraft Rules (UAS) Rules, 2021 has been granted to Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) in collaboration with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur, Government of Telanagana and Department of Health and Family Welfare (DoHFW) of Government of Meghalaya for conducting experimental drone flights for delivery of vaccines and healthcare items.
