

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2480
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2021**

COVID-19 VACCINATION OF TRANSGENDER

2480. SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the measures taken by the Government to provide vaccination for COVID-19 to transgenders;
- (b) whether all the transgenders in the country above 45 years of the age have been vaccinated, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) whether all the transgenders in the country have been issued Aadhaar Card; and
- (d) the measures that have been taken to issue aadhaar card for the same, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI A. NARAYANASWAMY)**

(a): The Ministry has issued directions to all States/UTs for ensuring that existing COVID vaccination centres are Transgender friendly and no discrimination is shown towards Transgender Persons, who come for taking their vaccination. States/UTs have also been requested to open vaccination camps for the Transgender community. Ministry has also requested the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to take necessary steps in ensuring the vaccination of Transgender Persons without any hindrance and difficulty.

An Advisory for Transgender Persons for generating awareness about Covid appropriate behaviour and vaccination, was issued by the Ministry. This advisory is available on the official website of the Ministry (<http://socialjustice.nic.in>) and on the National Portal for Transgender Persons(<https://transgender.dosje.gov.in/>).

(b): The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is not in possession of such information.

(c) & (d): As per information provided by UIDAI, as on date a total of 64,374 Aadhaar have been generated for transgender persons.

The Section 3 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 inter-alia states that “Every resident shall be entitled to obtain an Aadhaar number by submitting demographic information and biometric information by undergoing the process of enrollment”

Transgender can enroll for Aadhaar and for this, UIDAI has made provision to select the Gender as Male, Female or Transgender as the case may be, at the time of enrollment.
