

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3017
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 06TH AUGUST, 2021**

COVID VACCINE SOLD BY PRIVATE HOSPITALS

3017. SHRIMATI HARSIMRAT KAUR BADAL:

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

- (a) Whether the Government has received any complaints regarding COVID-19 vaccine meant for free distribution/inoculation are being sold by private hospitals in Punjab;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether the Government proposes to conduct an enquiry into the circumstances leading to such serious act of commission; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE**

(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)

(a) to (d) Taking cognizance of media reports regarding procurement of COVID-19 vaccines by private hospitals from State Government and overcharging by Private Hospitals for administering the Covid-19 vaccines, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare had formally asked the State Government for clarification. Ministry had also communicated to the States that it is in clear violation of the existing Covid vaccination strategy. As per the response from Government of Punjab, all such private hospitals were asked to return the vaccine doses forthwith by the State Government.

Further, communication has been sent to all States/UTs to ensure transparency by private hospitals with respect to pricing charges for Covid vaccination.
