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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3134 TO BE ANSWERED ON 06th August, 2021

DEVELOPMENT OF VACCINES AGAINST DELTA VARIANT

3134 SHRI RODMAL NAGAR:
SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA:
SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:

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

- (a) whether the Government is providing assistance to various institutes for developing vaccine for the Delta Variant of COVID-19;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds allocated/financial assistance given for the aforesaid research carried out by these institutes as on date, institute-wise?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)

(a) to (c) Department of Biotechnology, Government of India, has provided support to industry and academia for COVID-19 vaccine development, whereby different platforms of vaccine candidates are being developed. All vaccines under development and manufacturing are also being studied for effectiveness against emerging Variants of Concern (VOCs). The Department of Biotechnology has allocated approximately Rs.490 Crore to support Covid-19 vaccines development efforts by Indian academia and industry.
