

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3179
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6th AUGUST, 2021**

NASAL VACCINE TO PROTECT AGAINST COVID-19

3179. SHRI B. B. PATIL:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to manufacture a nasal vaccine to protect against COVID-19;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the tests done and the outcome in this regard; and
- (c) whether the Government has adequate mechanism to carry out the vaccination across the country in a timely manner, if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) & (b): Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare in consultation with Subject Expert Committee (SEC), has granted permission on 12.02.2021 to M/s Bharat Biotech International Limited for conduct of Phase-I clinical trial of COVID-19 Vaccine for Intranasal route of administration.

(c): COVID-19 vaccination is an ongoing and dynamic process, which is being guided by National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for Covid-19 (NEGVAC) on the basis of concurrent scientific evidence.
