

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 41
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2021**

Vaccination Programme for Schools and Colleges

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to check the spread of Covid-19 pandemic and to launch special vaccination programme for the students of schools and colleges; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a) & (b) Ministry of Home Affairs, vide its order dated 29th April, 2021 has circulated the advisory issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for the containment of COVID-19 in the country. As per the advisory "100 % vaccination for the eligible age-groups shall be undertaken duly creating additional vaccination centers and optimal capacity utilization of existing Centers".

A National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEFVAC) has been established by Government of India which provides guidance on all aspects of COVID-19 vaccination including prioritization of population groups. Effective from 1st May 2021, all citizens of the country above the age 18 years are eligible for free vaccination in the Government vaccination centre and those who can afford may avail the services at the private vaccination centre. Therefore, all the students above the age of 18 years are eligible for vaccination against COVID -19.
