

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.696
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23RD JULY, 2021**

FREE COVID-19 VACCINATION

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

- (a) whether the Government has made COVID-19 vaccination free for all in the country by including the persons falling in the age category of 18-44;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the vaccination status so far;
- (c) whether the Government is also planning to introduce the COVID-19 vaccination for children in the age bracket of 10-18, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has allowed COVID-19 vaccination to illiterate and destitute persons without registration on CoWIN portal, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other major steps being taken by the Government with regard to fully vaccinating the people of India?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
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(a) & (b): COVID-19 vaccination is free for all beneficiaries aged 18 years and above at government COVID Vaccination Centres (CVCs). The vaccination status of persons in the age group of 18-44 years is placed at Annexure- 1.

(c): Till date, COVID-19 vaccines in the country have been approved for restricted use in emergency situation only for persons aged 18 years and above.

(d): All beneficiaries who have received vaccines are captured on CoWIN portal and are issued digital vaccination certificate. Registration and vaccination of people without access to digital technology can be done through:

- Walk-in registration of either single individual or groups of individuals at COVID-19 Vaccination Centre (CVC).
- Registration at Common Service Centres
- Registration of up to 4 persons using a single mobile number to facilitate registration of people without mobile phones
- Use of assisted registrations through National Covid-19 Helpline (1075)/State integrated Helplines.

In addition, Persons Without Identity (PWI) can be vaccinated under special sessions, the detailed SOPs of which are also available on MoHFW website.

(e): Government of India has ensured improved accessibility of safe COVID-19 vaccination services through increase in vaccination centres, citizen friendly upgradation of Co-WIN, establishment of 24x7 national call center to address queries from general public on COVID-19 and the vaccination process. All COVID-19 Vaccination Centres (CVCs) are advised to publish the vaccine slots (mentioning details such as vaccine type, cost, number of slots, number of walk-in/online slots etc), in advance, for convenient booking of slots by the beneficiaries. Further, a communication strategy is in place which is being implemented across all States/UTs with a focus to sustain vaccine confidence. Accessibility of vaccination is also being improved through involving Private COVID-19 Vaccination Centres (CVCs), Workplace CVCs & 'Near to Home' CVCs. Continued efforts are also being made to ramp up domestic production of vaccines.

Annexure

Vaccination status of persons in the age group of 18-44 years, State/UT-wise

(as of 20th July 2021)

S. No.	State/UT	Number of persons in 18- 44 years age group	
		Received 1 st dose	Received 2 nd dose
1	A & N Islands	71,188	83
2	Andhra Pradesh	27,66,368	70,086
3	Arunachal Pradesh	3,32,593	506
4	Assam	34,93,347	1,55,180
5	Bihar	84,07,949	1,91,866
6	Chandigarh	2,69,361	1,549
7	Chhattisgarh	33,44,747	93,101
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	2,21,753	175
9	Daman & Diu	1,60,955	743
10	Delhi	34,74,060	2,17,596
11	Goa	4,68,169	11,216
12	Gujarat	93,17,072	3,02,402
13	Haryana	40,22,514	2,02,953
14	Himachal Pradesh	12,32,936	2,943
15	Jammu & Kashmir	12,97,148	48,880
16	Jharkhand	29,88,233	1,14,189
17	Karnataka	89,21,964	2,87,656
18	Kerala	26,19,588	2,11,976
19	Ladakh	87,072	13
20	Lakshadweep	24,134	103
21	Madhya Pradesh	1,12,78,966	4,87,889
22	Maharashtra	97,89,376	4,15,075
23	Manipur	4,41,696	1,073
24	Meghalaya	3,80,608	352
25	Mizoram	3,37,639	888
26	Nagaland	3,11,125	529
27	Odisha	40,55,411	2,53,071
28	Puducherry	2,33,433	1,642
29	Punjab	21,97,514	67,017
30	Rajasthan	93,20,178	2,45,702
31	Sikkim	2,81,640	159
32	Tamil Nadu	73,57,990	3,44,409
33	Telangana	50,04,483	3,77,487
34	Tripura	9,83,814	15,230
35	Uttar Pradesh	1,48,15,337	5,30,687
36	Uttarakhand	17,59,336	43,103
37	West Bengal	55,72,551	3,71,914
	INDIA	12,76,42,248	50,69,443