

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 812
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23RD JULY, 2021**

BUDGET OUTLAY FOR COVID-19 VACCINE

812. MS. S. JOTHIMANI:

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

- (a) the details of COVID 19 vaccine orders/placed by the Government with dates and quantity since March 2020;
- (b) the funds allocated and spent for the purchase of COVID 19 vaccines since March 2020;
- (c) the funds allocated from the Rs. 35,000 crore budget outlay as announced in Union budget 2021;
- (d) whether the Government has a roadmap for vaccination of the entire population by December 2021, if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of COVID-19 vaccine orders that are yet to be delivered; and
- (f) the details of the criteria employed by the Government in allocating vaccines to States/UTs along with the studies used to substantiate increasing the gap between two doses of Covishield vaccine to 12 to 16 weeks?

ANSWER

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

(a): Details of communication made by Government of India to HLL, the procurement agency, for procurement of COVID-19 vaccines is as under:

Date of communication to HLL	Vaccine quantity (in crore)		
	Covishield doses	Covaxin doses	Total doses
10 th January 2021	1.1	0.55	1.65
3 rd February 2021	1.0	0.45	1.45
10 th February 2021	1.5	-	1.5
24 th February 2021	2.0	-	2.0
12 th March 2021	10	2	12
5 th May 2021	11	5	16
16 th July 2021	37.5	28.5	66
TOTAL	64.1	36.5	100.6

(b) & (c): Funds spent so far on purchase of COVID-19 vaccines out of the budget outlay of Rs. 35,000 (as of July 2021) is Rs 8071.09 crore.

(d): The COVID-19 vaccination is an ongoing and dynamic process, which is being guided by the National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) on the basis of concurrent scientific evidence. In view of the dynamic and evolving nature of Covid-19 Pandemic, no fixed timelines at present can be indicated for the completion of vaccination drive, however it is expected that all beneficiaries aged 18 years and above will be vaccinated by December 2021.

(e): A total of 3.84 crore doses of Covaxin from Order dated 5th May 2021 are still being delivered.

(f): Vaccine doses are provided free of cost by the Government of India all to States/UTs based on criteria such as prorata target population, the progress of vaccination in State/UT and vaccine wastage.

The increase in the gap between two doses of Covishield vaccine to 12 to 16 weeks was based on available scientific evidence particularly from the United Kingdom as well as WHO global guidance.