

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 840
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23RD JULY, 2021**

STORAGE FACILITY FOR COVID VACCINES

**840. SHRI SHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.:
SHRI VELUSAMY P.:**

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

- (a) whether Government has made any assessment that the existing cold storage facility is sufficient to store anti-COVID vaccine across the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) if not, the steps/measures being taken by the Government in this regard in order to expand the cold storage facility in order to store additional vaccines?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): National Cold Chain Management Information System (NCCMIS) data is a digital database of cold chain equipments supplied to all States/UTs. The cold chain space requirement is assessed using this database to strengthen additional cold chain space required for storing Covid vaccine over and above the cold chain space required for storing routine immunization vaccines at temperature range of +2 °C to +8 °C and at temperature range of -15 °C to - 25 °C.

The COVID vaccines, currently being used in the country require to be stored within the temperature range of +2 °C to +8 °C. There are a total of 296 Walk-in Coolers (WICs) and 57,640 Ice Lined Refrigerators (ILRs) across the country which is sufficient to meet the vaccine requirement of both COVID vaccination as well as routine immunization.