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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 881 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23RD JULY, 2021

ADVERSE EVENTS POST VACCINATION

881. SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR: SHRI BHOLA SINGH: SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK: DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR: SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO: SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA): DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

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

(a) whether the Government has studied the deaths related to Adverse Events Following Immunisation (AEFI) post vaccination in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and remedial measures taken thereon;

(c) whether there is urgent need for revamping health infrastructure to deal with new strains of COVID- 19 in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has any plan to set up facilities in public health system including CGHS for treatment of patients with post-COVID complications if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government has any plan to tackle the impending third wave of COVID-19 in the country; and

(g) if so, the other steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Till 19th July'21, causality assessment for 179 serious and severe AEFI cases in relation to Covid vaccination has been approved by the National AEFI Committee of which only one death case was found to be associated with COVID 19 vaccine. This was a case of anaphylaxis which can occur with any medicinal product including vaccines.

(c) to (g): Yes, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare continues to monitor COVID-19 trajectory right up to the District level. Adequate arrangements are in place to deal with any new strains of COVID-19 in the country. The guiding principle to minimize and avert the risk of future resurgence of cases is the 5-fold strategy of test-track-treat-vaccinate and COVID appropriate behaviour. Besides this States are also provided requisite technical and financial support to prepare for and respond to any exigencies arising out of rapid spurt of cases. In addition, Government of India has supported the States/UTs with Ventilators, Oxygen cylinders, PSA (Pressure Swing Adsorption) plants, Drugs and Diagnostics as well as financial assistance for augmentation of hospital beds and associated infrastructure.

In addition to above, a new scheme 'India COVID-19 Emergency Response & Health System Preparedness Package: Phase-II (ERCP-II)' amounting to Rs 23,123 crore has been approved for Financial year 2021-22 that aims to prevent, detect and respond to the continuing threat posed by COVID-19 and strengthen national health systems for preparedness in India for all States/UTs.