

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

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO.183  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2021**

**AVAILABILITY OF COVID-19 VACCINE**

**\*183. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has ensured the availability of sufficient quantity of COVID-19 vaccine and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has taken note that vaccination in Kerala is delayed due to the shortage of vaccine and if so, details thereof and the action taken thereon;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to ensure the vaccination of migrant workers and students in a time bound manner and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;
- (d) whether the Government has noted that second dose of vaccine is not administered as per the time schedule; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government to ensure that the second dose of COVID19 vaccine is provided within the time schedule?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
(DR MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA  
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(a) to (e) The Government of India has made all arrangements to secure COVID-19 vaccines in sufficient quantity for the eligible beneficiaries as recommended by the National Expert group on Vaccine administration for Covid-19 (NEGVAC). Government of India has been providing free supply of COVID-19 vaccines in sufficient quantity to States/UTs, including Kerala, for administration to population aged 18 years and above.

A total of 3,85,20,940 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been supplied to Kerala under free supply from Government of India since inception of vaccination program till 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and 8,47,345 doses are available with the State.

Government of India has ensured improved accessibility of safe COVID-19 vaccination services for all eligible beneficiaries irrespective of their socio-economic status which also includes students and migrants. This has been done through increase in vaccination centres, citizen friendly upgradation of Co-WIN platform, establishment of 24x7 national call center helpline to address queries from general public on COVID-19 and the vaccination process.

National COVID-19 Vaccination Programme, also facilitates vaccination of persons without prescribed identity cards such as migrants, seers, nomads, refugees etc. through special sessions where 100% vaccination is done through on-site registration by the vaccinator.

As on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021, more than 51% of the adult population in the country has received second dose of COVID-19 vaccine. To further improve the uptake of 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of COVID-19 vaccine, Government of India has launched 'Har Ghar Dastak Abhiyaan' from 3rd November 2021 wherein missed beneficiaries for 1st dose and due beneficiaries for 2nd dose are identified and vaccinated through house to house activity. Under this campaign vaccine is also administered to the beneficiaries at their homes.

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