GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1114 TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.12.2021

VACCINE MAITRI PROGRAMME

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SHRI RAJBAHADUR SINGH:

SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of doses and countries to which COVID-19 vaccines have been sent since the restart of the vaccine Maitri program;
- (b) the number of vaccines which India proposes to distribute globally as part of International Vaccine Partnership like COVAX; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in the global fight against COVID-19?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) Since the start of Vaccine Maitri Programme in Jan 2021, India has supplied 723.435 lakh doses to 94 countries and 2 UN entities in the form of grant, commercial export or through COVAX. After holding the vaccine export to cater to the domestic demand first, in last few weeks India has supplied vaccines to several countries including Nepal, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Iran, Paraguay and Indonesia.

(b) & (c) Exact volume of export of vaccines will be determined by domestic production and requirements of national vaccination programme.

The Government has taken initiatives to share medicines, vaccines, PPE, test kits and other medical and health products, training programmes, capacity building projects, genomic surveillance, recognition of vaccination certificates etc. as part of the global fight against COVID-19.