

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1117
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3rd DECEMBER 2021**

COVID-19 DEATHS IN FIRST AND SECOND WAVE

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

- (a) whether the Government has compiled the data of persons who died due to Covid-19 pandemic during first and second wave, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether India crossed 100 crore Covid-19 vaccination dose milestone recently, if so, the details thereof and the challenges faced for achieving the target;
- (c) whether the Government has compiled any data for number of people vaccinated in rural and remote areas of the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the government vaccination drive in rural areas is very low compared to urban areas due to reluctance of people in rural areas for vaccination, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to spread awareness about the safety and efficacy of the vaccines;
- (e) whether there has been decline in demand/procurement for COVID vaccines post liberalization by States/UTs, if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (f) the other steps taken by the Government to vaccinate unvaccinated adult population?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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- (a) to (f) As on 30th November 2021, total deaths due to COVID-19 as reported by States/UTs is 4,68,980.

India achieved the 100-crore Covid-19 vaccination dose milestone on 21st October 2021. During the initial phase of COVID-19 vaccination, there were challenges of vaccine eagerness as well as vaccine hesitancy which were soon overcome by implementation of a focused Communication Strategy to sustain vaccine confidence across all States/UTs.

The National COVID-19 Vaccination Programme ensures equitable access of vaccination services to all eligible beneficiaries. Since 1st April 2021 to 30th November 2021, a total of 75,20,35,586 (68%) vaccine doses have been administered at CVCs located in rural areas, while 35,29,98,471 (32%) vaccine doses have been administered at CVCs located in urban areas.

The Government of India continues to supply COVID-19 vaccines free of cost to States/UTs since the commencement of the National COVID-19 Vaccination Programme to ensure vaccine coverage of all eligible beneficiaries with both doses.

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.
