

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2180
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10th DECEMBER, 2021**

APPROVAL OF COVID-19 VACCINATION FOR CHILDREN

2180: SHRI NITESH GANGA DEB:

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

- (a) whether the pharmaceutical companies have sought the approval from the Government to carry out the vaccination for children below 18 years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken thereon?

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

(a) to (c): The Interim Phase II/III clinical trial data of COVAXIN on Healthy Volunteers aged 2 to 18 years submitted by M/s Bharat Biotech was deliberated in the meeting of Subject Expert Committee (SEC). The committee recommended for grant of market authorization for age group of 2 to 18 years for Restricted Use in Emergency Situation subject to various conditions. This recommendation is being examined and additional information has been requested at the level of Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO).

CDSCO has also approved COVID-19 vaccine (ZyCoV-D) of M/s Cadila Healthcare for restricted use in emergency situation in the age group 12 years and above.
