

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2206
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10TH DECEMBER, 2021**

APPROVAL OF COVAXIN

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

- (a) the benefits of World Health Organisation's approval for Indian-made covaxin viz-a-viz citizens;
- (b) the total number of countries who recognize the COVID-19 vaccines administered in India;
- (c) whether any of the G20 countries are yet to recognize the Covishield and Covaxin vaccines, if so, the details thereof and the measures being taken to request the administration for recognition; and
- (d) the manner in which the time recognition of the India-made Covaxin is likely to ease the restrictions for the citizens of the country?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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(a) to (d) The World Health Organization's Emergency Use Listing (EUL) assists interested UN procurement agencies and Member States/Countries in determining the acceptability of using specific vaccines, based on an essential set of available quality, safety, efficacy and performance data. The aim is to expedite the availability of these products to people affected by a public health emergency and allows countries to expedite their own regulatory approval to import and administer COVID-19 vaccines. Persons immunized with such vaccines which are listed under the WHO- EUL are deemed to be protected by authorities of many countries and allowed to travel internationally. However, not all countries require COVID-19 vaccination for travel. India also does not at present require Covid-19 vaccination for travel. Among the countries which do have such requirements, as on 6th December 2021, a total of 108 countries recognize Indian vaccination certificate for travel purpose.
