

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2298
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.12.2021**

ASSESSMENT OF COVID-19

**2298. SHRI THIRUMAAVALAVAN THOL:
SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has set a committee/team of experts to monitor and analyse the COVID-19 situation and identify and predict the future course of COVID-19;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the assessment of the experts reveal unlikely advent of another COVID-19 wave and restoration of normalcy, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the time by which the next wave of COVID-19 is expected in India along with the advance management plan to prevent loss of life; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to conduct a survey in States/UTs regarding the after effects of COVID-19 among infected persons from the health perspective and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
(DR BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (e) Presently, a declining trend in COVID-19 cases is noted in the country since last few months. However, as the causative virus is continuously evolving, the same may have an impact on COVID-19 transmission and surge in cases cannot be ruled out. States/UTs have accordingly been urged repeatedly through formal communications as well as during regular video conferences to continue focus on five-fold strategy of test-track-treat-COVID appropriate behaviors and vaccination.

Given the emergence of mutated variants with variable impact on transmissibility, virulence and effectiveness of vaccines, likelihood of resurgence of COVID-19 trajectory in the country is examined by various expert committees under Indian Council of Medical Research, Directorate General of Health Services and other relevant Ministries/Departments. Union Ministry of Health & FW continues to keep a close watch over COVID-19 situation across the country and globally.

Government of India is supporting states in their endeavor to manage COVID-19 since the beginning of pandemic. Requisite support is provided to States/UTs to enhance preparedness and response capacities against COVID-19 and other public health emergencies. Various initiatives have been undertaken by the Government to provide technical guidance and further strengthen health infrastructure, availability of essential logistics including drugs and medical oxygen supply to manage COVID-19.

A Comprehensive Guidelines for Management of Post-Covid Sequelae was issued by MoHFW on 21st October 2021 after expert consultations to guide doctors on post-COVID-19 complications and their management.
