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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 945 TO BE ANSWERED ON 3rd DECEMBER 2021

PRODUCTION OF COVID VACCINES

945. SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the announcement by the G-7 countries for providing one billion doses of vaccines till 2022;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether one billion vaccine doses is sufficient for universal need to combat COVID-19 virus and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the steps taken by the Government to enhance the production to meet the shortage of vaccine domestically and globally?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) India is not a member of G-7 countries. Indian companies have however significantly enhanced their vaccine production capacity and are in a position to meet domestic requirements of COVID-19 vaccines as also contribute their surplus production to global Covid-19 vaccination requirements.