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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.999 TO BE ANSWERED ON 3rd DECEMBER 2021

COVID-19 VACCINATION IN MAHARASHTRA

999. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

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

- (a) the number of COVID-19 vaccine doses provided to Maharashtra so far;
- (b) the response of the people to get the vaccination in Maharashtra;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to dispel the doubts arising out of the vaccination process; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Till 30th November 2021, a total of 11,35,62,050 COVID-19 vaccine doses have been made available to Maharashtra. This includes the free supply provided by the Government of India and the vaccine doses procured by the State. This does not include the vaccines procured by Private Hospitals.
- (b) Till 30th November 2021, a total of 11,31,26,074 vaccine doses have been administered in the State of Maharashtra, out of which 7,37,37,476 (80.6%) are 1st dose and 3,93,88,598 (43.1%) have completed both the doses.
- (c) and (d) In order to raise awareness about safety and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines, address vaccine hesitancy and sustain vaccine confidence, a communication strategy is in place. Some of key interventions as part of communication strategy includes FAQs for general public, healthcare & frontline workers which have been developed & uploaded on Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) website; (https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/FAQsforHCWs&FLWs.pdf). Media channels, radio jockeys, etc. have been oriented on correct information regarding COVID-19 vaccination; op-eds and articles by identified experts published to build vaccine confidence; dissemination of fact check videos by key experts to provide correct & factual information. MoHFW has advised States/UTs to disseminate clear, consistent, transparent and factual information to general public to clear misconceptions and sustain vaccine confidence.