

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3682
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th MARCH 2022**

FUNDING OF BOOSTER DOSE AND VACCINATION OF CHILDREN

3682. SHRIMATI MALA ROY:

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

- (a) whether the government has noted that the budgetary allocation for public health has gone down by Rs. 30000 crores this year;
- (b) if so, the manner in which the Government proposes to fund the precaution/booster doses for adults and vaccination of children below 15 years; and
- (c) the number of deaths that have occurred due to severe adverse effects following COVID-19 immunisation in the age group of 15-18 years?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) The Budget Estimate for public health in the financial year 2021-22 was INR 71,268.77 crore which is increased to INR 82,920.65 crore in Revised Estimate. In the current financial year i.e. 2021-22, INR 35,000 crore is provided over and above budgetary allocation of public health for procurement of COVID-19 vaccine under the National COVID-19 vaccination programme for free supply of COVID-19 vaccines to States/UTs.

Adequate COVID-19 vaccines are made available to States/UTs to administer precaution doses for adult and vaccination of children 12 years and above.

As on 16th March 2022, a total of 9.11 crore vaccine doses are administered in the age group of 15-18 years and under Adverse Event Following Immunization (AEFI) on CoWIN-SAFEVAC, 16 deaths are reported in this age group.
