

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 592  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2022**

**“COMPARISON OF SECOND AND THIRD WAVE”**

**592. SHRI SUBBARAYAN K.:**

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

- a) Whether the Government has taken into cognizance that the present spike in the number of COVID-19 cases amount to arrival of third wave of the pandemic in the country;
- b) If so, the details thereof; and
- c) The comparison of the third wave with the second wave with regard to the rate of increase in the cases and the number of deaths??

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (c):** Ministry of Health & Family Welfare continues to closely monitor COVID-19 trajectory in the country. An upsurge of COVID-19 cases in the country was observed by the end of December, 2021 which was primarily driven by the Omicron variant.

In April-May, 2021, a high number of cases were reported on daily basis across the country. On 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021, 4,14,188 COVID-19 new cases were reported in the country by States/UTs.

During the present surge in cases, Union Health Ministry has continued to urge and advise all States/UTs to maintain focus on surveillance and containment, appropriate clinical management of cases and strict adherence to COVID appropriate behaviors besides focus on vaccination. Vaccination for young adolescents (15-18 years of age) and Precaution Dose for healthcare workers, frontline workers and elderlies with co-morbidities was also started. Health infrastructure was upgraded through funds provided under ECRP-II package to the States. As on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022, the trajectory seems to be stabilizing and even declining in certain States/UTs. The situation is monitored on a regular basis.

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