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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†617 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th February, 2022

EXPORT OF COVAXIN

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

- (a) whether Government has noted the difficulties being faced by the foreign companies in the supply of Covaxin from Bharat Biotech;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether several countries including Brazil have cancelled agreements for the supply of Covaxin;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether the Government has evaluated the likely financial loss due to this and if so, the details therefor?

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

- (a) & (b): No specific information has been brought to notice by foreign companies that they are facing difficulties in the supply of COVAXIN.
- (c) to (e): During the second surge of Covid cases in April, May 2021 in the country, the requirements of National Covid-19 Vaccination Programme were prioritized. This may have impacted foreign commercial contracts entered into by domestic vaccine manufacturers.

As informed by Ministry of External Affairs, there is no financial loss involved since during the second surge of COVID pandemic in the country, domestic vaccine production was procured & utilized in the National Covid-19 Vaccination Programme.
