

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 687  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022**

**EMERGNECY USE LISTING OF COVAXIN FOR AGE GROUP 15 TO 18**

**687. SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH NARAYAN DHANORKAR:  
ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has, prescribed the administration of Covaxin in the 15-18 age group, post approval for emergency use listing (EUL) by the World Health Organization for children;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and steps being taken to ensure that such approval is granted;
- (d) the details of countries which have not approved Covaxin; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to get approval for Covaxin from the remaining countries?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (e) Covaxin has been granted Emergency Use Listing (EUL) by National Regulator i.e. Drug Controller General of India (DCG(I)) in the age-group from 12 to 18 years on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2021. The COVID-19 Working Group of NTAGI recommended Covid-19 vaccination in adolescents aged 15 years to less than 18 years. On recommendation of COVID-19 Working Group and Standing Technical Subcommittee of National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (NTAGI), Government of India has started vaccination of adolescents aged 15 years to less than 18 years from 3rd January 2022.

Grant of approval to a vaccine by any country is a technical and scientific process for which data is to be submitted to the regulator by the vaccine manufacturer as per the prescribed rules. According to the WHO (<https://covid19.trackvaccines.org/agency/who/>), as on 31 January 2022, Covaxin has been granted EUL in 13 countries.

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