

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2253  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2022**

**COVID VACCINATION FOR CHILDREN**

**† 2253. SHRIMATI JYOTSNA CHARANDAS MAHANT:  
SHRI HAJI FAZLUR REHMAN:**

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

- (a) whether the children are getting affected by the corona infection in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the current status of vaccination of children in the age group of 12-18 years and 5-12 years;
- (b) whether the Government is aware of the virus strain most commonly found in the children upto the age of 18 years and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total number of children registered for vaccination and those vaccinated along with the percentage thereof; and
- (d) whether any time limit has been fixed for the complete vaccination of children and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d): According to World Health Organization, SARS-CoV-2 infections among children and adolescents typically cause less severe illness as compared to adults.

As on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022, 9.96 crore 1<sup>st</sup> dose (82.2% coverage) and 7.79 crore 2<sup>nd</sup> dose (64.3% coverage) have been administered in children between 12-18 years of age. Vaccination below 12 years of age has not started under National Covid-19 vaccination programme in the country.

Adequate covid-19 vaccine doses are made available to all State/UTs to vaccinate all eligible children with 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> dose.

As reported by Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG), COVID-19 virus variants detected amongst the samples analyzed by the INSACOG (from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022) in children aged 0-18 years is at **Annexure**.

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**COVID-19 virus variants detected amongst the samples analyzed by the INSACOG  
(from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022) in children aged 0-18 years**

<b>Variants of SARS-CoV-2 virus</b>	<b>No. of samples detected</b>
Omicron (BA.2)	5439
Omicron other sub-lineages	1278
Omicron (B.1.1.529)	645
Delta Sub-Lineages	74
Delta (B.1.617.2)	44