

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3259
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05TH AUGUST 2022**

TIMELINE FOR COVID BOOSTER DOSE

3259. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:

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

- (a) whether the Government has reduced the minimum time period of nine months to six months for taking booster dose for COVID-19;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the above timeline is also applicable to children below 18 years;
- (d) whether it is true that Andhra Pradesh has performed better in administering booster dose covering 12.4 percent population in comparison to national average of 5 percent; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with other efforts being made by the Government to expedite booster dose coverage in the country?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): As per the recommendation of the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (NTAGI) the interval between 2nd dose and precaution dose was revised from 9 months to 6 months for all eligible beneficiaries 18 years and above with effect from 6th July 2022.

As on 1st August 2022, a total of 82.2 lakh (22%) of precaution dose have been administered in the state of Andhra Pradesh against due beneficiaries while nationally a total of 9.07 crore (13%) precaution doses administered against due beneficiaries.

Government of India reviews the pace of COVID-19 vaccination and has issued multiple advisories to States/UTs to cover eligible beneficiaries with precaution dose. Har Ghar Dastak 2.0 Campaign is implemented across the country with an objective of vaccinating all due beneficiaries for 2nd dose and for precaution dose through door-to-door mobilization and vaccination activity. From 15th July, 2022 under the "Covid Vaccination Amrit Mahotsava" initiative, precaution dose is available free of cost to all beneficiaries ≥ 18 years of age at all Government Covid Vaccination Centers (CVCs) after an interval of 6 months from the date of administration of the 2nd dose.
