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LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 987 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2022

"INCREASE IN CASES OF COVID-19"

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

- a) whether the cases of COVID-19 have once again registered growth in the country, if so, the details of the cases reported this year since April to till date, State/UT-wise, particularly in Maharashtra;
- b) whether the Government has conducted any study to find out the reasons for such increase;
- c) if so, the findings of such study in this regard;
- d) whether there is an immediate need to National Policy on health related infrastructure by enhancing the capacity of primary, secondary and tertiary health care facilities/systems and institutes for identifying the new and emerging diseases and their treatment;
- e) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- f) the details of the cumulative figure of vaccine administered, age-group wise; and
- g) whether the Government has any proposal to identify non-vaccinated citizens in the country and if so, the details in this regard and steps taken thereon?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (g): The trajectory of COVID-19 cases in certain States/UTs is witnessing an increasing trend since May, 2022. State/UT wise number of new COVID-19 cases as reported by States/UTs from 1st April, 2022 to 18th July 2022 (including Maharashtra) is at **Annexure I**.

Such waxing and waning course of infection trajectory is not unusual for pandemics due to novel pathogens. A number of factors tend to contribute to such phenomenon such as unexposed/immuno-compromised population, change in virus characteristics, waning immunity, etc. The current surge is associated with a lower rate of hospitalization and deaths, which may be attributed to considerable efforts made towards COVID-19 immunization across the country.

As on 19th July 2022, a total of 200.34 crore COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered to beneficiaries above 12 years of age. State/UT wise details on vaccine doses administered in 12-18 years' age group and vaccine doses administered in 18 years and above age group are **Annexure II** and **Annexure III** respectively.

In a bid to reach out to yet unvaccinated population, a communication strategy is in place which is implemented by all States/UTs to raise awareness about safety and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines and addresses complacency, vaccine hesitancy as well as sustains vaccine confidence. Har Ghar Dastak 2.0 Campaign is implemented across the country from 1^{st} June 2022 to 31^{st} July 2022, with an objective to vaccinate all due for 2^{nd} dose and eligible for precaution dose in ≥ 60 -years age group through door-to-door campaign.

Union Ministry of Health provides requisite support to States/UTs to enhance preparedness and response capacities against COVID-19. Funding support has been provided to States/UTs for health system strengthening to meet any exigency due to resurgence of cases in the country through National Health Mission, State Disaster Response Funds (SDRF), Emergency COVID-19 Response and Preparedness packages.

With the long-term goal to better prepare our country against public health emergencies, PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) with an outlay of Rs. 64,180 crores have been launched with the intent to enhance the capacity of primary, secondary and tertiary health care facilities/systems and institutes for identifying and managing any new and emerging diseases. These include:

- Support for 17,788 rural Health and Wellness Centres in 10 High Focus States.
- Establishing 11,024 urban Health and Wellness Centres in all the States.
- 3382 Block Public Health Units in 11 High Focus states.
- Setting up of Integrated Public Health Labs in all districts
- Establishing Critical Care Hospital Blocks in all districts with population more than 5 lakhs.
- 12 Central Institutions as training and mentoring sites with 150 bedded Critical Care Hospital Blocks
- Strengthening of the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), 5 New Regional NCDCs and 20 metropolitan health surveillance units
- Expansion of the Integrated Health Information Portal to all States/UTs to connect all public health labs
- Operationalization of 17 new Public Health Units and strengthening of 33 existing Public Health Units at Points of Entry, that is at 32 Airports, 11 Seaports and 7 land crossings
- Setting up of 15 Health Emergency Operation Centres and 2 container based mobile hospitals

• Setting up of a national institution for One Health, 4 New National Institutes for Virology, a Regional Research Platform for WHO South East Asia Region and 9 Bio-Safety Level III laboratories.

 $\label{eq:Annexure I} Annexure \ I$ State/UT wise number of new COVID-19 cases as reported by States/UTs from 1st April, 2022 to 18th July 2022

S. No.	State/UT	Number of new COVID-19 cases
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	287
2	Andhra Pradesh	7,549
3	Arunachal Pradesh	439
4	Assam	5,947
5	Bihar	8,435
6	Chandigarh	3,017
7	Chhattisgarh	6,743
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	69
9	Delhi	79,158
10	Goa	5,419
11	Gujarat	18,838
12	Haryana	37,209
13	Himachal Pradesh	5,384
14	Jammu and Kashmir	3,312
15	Jharkhand	2,652
16	Karnataka	40,884
17	Kerala	1,60,754
18	Ladakh	413
19	Lakshadweep	10
20	Madhya Pradesh	5,603
21	Maharashtra	1,45,550
22	Manipur	850
23	Meghalaya	544
24	Mizoram	6,286
25	Nagaland	128
26	Odisha	11,504
27	Puducherry	3,011
28	Punjab	7,229
29	Rajasthan	8,001
30	Sikkim	845
31	Tamil Nadu	64,987
32	Telangana	18,525
33	Tripura	1,554
34	Uttar Pradesh	25,856
35	Uttarakhand	2,559
36	West Bengal	53,543

 $\label{eq:Annexure II} Annexure \ II$ State/UT wise, vaccine doses administered in 12-18 years age group (As on 19th July 2022)

S. No.	State/UT	1st Dose	2 nd Dose
1	A & N Islands	32,601	27,961
2	Andhra Pradesh	40,27,911	40,05,689
3	Arunachal Pradesh	85,482	48,303
4	Assam	20,74,021	12,87,364
5	Bihar	93,56,634	63,59,684
6	Chandigarh	92,498	60,010
7	Chhattisgarh	21,38,310	14,57,326
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	30,129	19,314
9	Daman & Diu	19,345	16,385
10	Delhi	16,14,248	12,63,283
11	Goa	84,279	69,545
12	Gujarat	49,79,811	43,53,726
13	Haryana	16,71,042	10,05,482
14	Himachal Pradesh	5,85,941	5,17,543
15	Jammu & Kashmir	14,01,866	13,19,243
16	Jharkhand	23,89,850	12,86,718
17	Karnataka	50,17,722	43,32,704
18	Kerala	20,29,571	12,97,490
19	Ladakh	18,401	16,278
20	Lakshadweep	4,748	4,006
21	Madhya Pradesh	64,70,896	46,30,444
22	Maharashtra	65,60,607	43,57,490
23	Manipur	1,51,104	73,071
24	Meghalaya	1,03,584	49,062
25	Mizoram	1,01,620	67,903
26	Nagaland	80,462	53,417
27	Odisha	36,74,547	27,96,392
28	Puducherry	76,486	56,138
29	Punjab	17,20,435	12,06,673
30	Rajasthan	56,13,857	37,63,422
31	Sikkim	49,706	42,295
32	Tamil Nadu	42,91,402	32,05,966
33	Telangana	27,40,055	22,63,581
34	Tripura	2,45,591	1,70,876
35	Uttar Pradesh	2,24,35,272	1,95,10,688
36	Uttarakhand	9,10,638	7,05,341
37	West Bengal	60,64,808	48,50,829

 $\label{eq:Annexure III} State/UT \ wise, vaccine \ doses \ administered \ in \ 18 \ years \ and \ above \ age \ group \ (As \ on \ 19^{th} \ July \ 2022)$

S. No.	State/UT	1 st Dose	2 nd Dose	Precaution dose
1	A & N Islands	3,11,527	3,14,631	35,372
2	Andhra Pradesh	4,06,12,779	4,35,13,398	59,64,207
3	Arunachal Pradesh	8,55,501	7,36,837	44,981
4	Assam	2,25,19,253	2,02,83,957	11,27,548
5	Bihar	6,24,12,899	5,66,67,504	52,13,651
6	Chandigarh	10,87,681	9,11,015	59,390
7	Chhattisgarh	1,87,78,393	1,77,25,559	13,13,507
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	4,28,689	3,28,763	25,313
9	Daman & Diu	2,99,670	2,59,952	24,143
10	Delhi	1,65,43,099	1,41,02,454	19,56,096
11	Goa	13,51,941	12,17,187	75,277
12	Gujarat	4,92,32,497	4,91,53,000	48,70,385
13	Haryana	2,19,28,907	1,85,68,665	12,53,902
14	Himachal Pradesh	60,19,932	57,25,776	5,11,383
15	Jammu & Kashmir	99,34,105	1,02,87,851	5,10,450
16	Jharkhand	2,12,19,212	1,56,42,584	5,46,709
17	Karnataka	4,99,44,797	5,00,79,616	46,08,434
18	Kerala	2,69,91,226	2,36,98,542	22,74,314
19	Ladakh	2,19,092	1,84,947	83,918
20	Lakshadweep	56,795	55,416	4,248
21	Madhya Pradesh	5,40,11,584	5,36,92,268	26,03,522
22	Maharashtra	8,45,15,090	7,08,86,462	44,77,480
23	Manipur	14,53,322	12,01,146	1,43,783
24	Meghalaya	13,28,186	10,17,031	50,686
25	Mizoram	7,82,639	6,55,087	55,769
26	Nagaland	8,35,001	6,77,301	38,834
27	Odisha	3,12,97,612	2,93,59,779	23,06,684
28	Puducherry	8,98,730	6,91,421	43,562
29	Punjab	2,22,81,992	1,92,27,228	8,37,577
30	Rajasthan	5,09,87,383	4,58,84,181	27,01,301
31	Sikkim	5,38,758	5,05,223	51,090
32	Tamil Nadu	5,57,65,844	5,04,90,944	18,91,584
33	Telangana	2,95,22,384	2,86,90,598	12,06,880
34	Tripura	26,51,410	23,02,101	1,75,982
35	Uttar Pradesh	15,35,31,270	14,50,43,220	40,55,660
36	Uttarakhand	81,56,882	78,90,248	8,00,430
37	West Bengal	6,71,77,934	6,08,87,916	56,02,006