

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1897
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02ND AUGUST 2024**

VACCINES TO CHILDREN

1897. SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:

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

- (a) the details of the number of children have vaccinated against COVID-19 in the country;
- (b) whether there has been any hesitancy among the parents that prevented children from getting the vaccine in the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to assure parents about the safety of the vaccine?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) to (c) Children between 12-18 years were eligible under the National Covid Vaccination Programme. The estimated population of the 12-18 years of age is 12.1 crore beneficiaries. As on 29th July 2024, a total of 10.34 crore (85.4%) children aged 12-18 years have received atleast one dose of Covid-19 vaccines. This indicates there is no vaccine hesitancy. A transparent communication strategy is in place which is implemented by all States/UTs to raise awareness about importance and safety of COVID-19 vaccines. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on various aspects of Covid-19 vaccination for general public have been developed and is available on MoHFW website.
