

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 855
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23RD JULY, 2021**

CORONA VACCINES FOR CHILDREN

**855. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:
SHRI BRIJENDRA SINGH:**

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

- (a) the number of children upto 18 years of age who have contracted COVID-19 as on July 2021;
- (b) whether COVID vaccines for children are in the pipeline/trial stage, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether antidotes were found in children before test trial, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the expected time by which the said vaccine is likely to be developed and made available to children?

ANSWER

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

(a): A total of around 11% of the total COVID-19 cases have been reported in persons aged less than 20 years in the country.

(b) to (d): The National regulator i.e. CDSCO has granted permission to conduct clinical trials of COVID-19 vaccines in children to M/s Bharat Biotech, Hyderabad (in Age group 2 to 18 years) for Phase-II/III of Whole-Virion Inactivated SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine and to M/s Cadila Healthcare Ltd., Ahmedabad (in Age group 12 yrs and above) for Phase-III clinical trial of DNA based Vaccine.

The outcome of these trials will depend on data emerging from the trial for the purpose of its approval and availability in the country.