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

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.90 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD DECEMBER, 2021 COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAMME

*90. SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK: SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

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

- (a) the present status of the COVID-19 vaccination programme in the country;
- (b) whether less number of doses were administered during the recent festive month, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has launched a special programme 'Har Ghar Dastak' to reach out to the people whose second dose is due and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has also asked the States/UTs to vaccinate the elderly and those with mobility issues at their home; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the response of the States/UTs in this regard along with the targets set and subsequent goals achieved for complete vaccination?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 90* FOR 3RD DECEMBER, 2021

(a) to (e) As on 29th November 2021, under National COVID-19 Vaccination Programme, a total of 122.42 crore vaccine doses have been administered in the country, out of which 78.37 crore (83.5% of adult population) are 1st dose and 44.05 crore (46.9% of the adult population) are 2nd dose.

In the month of October 2021, a total of 17.29 crore doses of COVID-19 vaccine were administered as compared to 23.60 crore doses in the preceding month. During the festival season daily vaccination coverage decreased temporarily, however, pace of vaccination has increased from first week of November 2021.

Customized citizen friendly interventions like Near-to-Home CVC (NHCVC) for elderly and differently abled citizens was started in May 2021. Subsequently, in September 2021, advisory was issued to all States/UTs for vaccination at the place of residence of persons who might be bed-ridden or have extremely restricted mobility or disability and/or special needs that may hamper their accessibility even to NHCVCs.

Government of India has launched 'Har Ghar Dastak Abhiyaan' from 3rd November 2021 wherein missed beneficiaries for 1st dose and due beneficiaries for 2nd dose are identified and vaccinated through house to house activity. Under this campaign, vaccine can also be administered to the beneficiaries at their homes.

Adequate doses to vaccinate all eligible 1st dose and due 2nd dose beneficiaries aged 18 years and above by December 2021 have been made available to State/UTs.
