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FREE ADMINISTRATION OF COVID VACCINE

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

- (a) the number of COVID vaccines that were administered for free, States/UT/district-wise including Rajasthan;
- (b) the details of rural-urban breakup of free vaccines and also gender-wise breakup in rural areas;
- (c) the free vaccines administered as a percentage of total vaccines administered;
- (d) the total amount of funds spent on free vaccination and separately for expenses on fuel; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to raise awareness and reduce reluctance among people for vaccination?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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(a) to (c) The COVID-19 vaccine is available free of cost for all citizens of the country aged 18 years and above irrespective of their socio-economic status at all Government COVID-19 Vaccination Centres (CVCs). As per data of vaccination coverage at Government and Private CVCs are available from 1st May 2021 to 30th November 2021, 1,03,12,19,459 (96%) vaccine doses have been administered at Government COVID-19 Vaccination Centres (CVCs). State/UT-wise details of vaccine administration at Government CVCs is attached at Annexure 1.

Since 1st April 2021 to 30th November 2021, a total of 75,20,35,586 (68%) vaccine doses have been administered at CVCs located in rural areas, while 35,29,98,471 (32%) vaccine doses have been administered at CVCs located in urban areas.

As on 30th November 2021, a total of 63,39,45,173 (51%) vaccine doses have been administered to male population and 60,09,00,639 (49%) vaccine doses have been administered to females.

(d) In the current financial year i.e. 2021-22, INR 35,000 crore has been budgeted for procurement of COVID-19 Vaccination Programme. As on 27th November 2021, an expenditure of INR 19,675.46 crore has been incurred against this allocation which has been utilized for procurement of COVID-19 vaccine for free of cost supply to State/UTs. No separate expenses have been allocated for fuel.

(e) In order to raise awareness about safety and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines, address vaccine hesitancy and sustain vaccine confidence, a communication strategy is in place. Some key interventions as part of communication strategy include FAQs for general public and healthcare & frontline workers which have been developed & uploaded on Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) website; (<https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/FAQsforHCWs&FLWs.pdf>). Media channels, radio jockeys etc. have been oriented on correct information regarding COVID-19 vaccination; op-eds and articles by identified experts published to build vaccine confidence; dissemination of fact check videos by key experts to provide correct & factual information. MoHFW has advised States/UTs to disseminate clear, consistent, transparent and factual information to general public to clear misconceptions and sustain vaccine confidence.

Annexure 1

State/UT-wise details of COVID-19 vaccine administration at Government CVCs

(From 1st May 2021 to 30th November 2021)

S.No.	State/UT	Vaccine doses administered at Govt. CVCs
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	4,39,731
2	Andhra Pradesh	5,13,94,541
3	Arunachal Pradesh	11,60,114
4	Assam	3,03,67,866
5	Bihar	7,39,56,075
6	Chandigarh	12,82,618
7	Chhattisgarh	1,95,40,668
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	5,58,648
9	Daman and Diu	4,40,557
10	Delhi	1,75,09,786
11	Goa	19,03,131
12	Gujarat	6,69,35,882
13	Haryana	2,30,92,458
14	Himachal Pradesh	90,09,803
15	Jammu and Kashmir	1,40,79,260
16	Jharkhand	2,06,65,425
17	Karnataka	5,84,03,624
18	Kerala	3,22,85,628
19	Ladakh	2,72,001
20	Lakshadweep	79,664
21	Madhya Pradesh	7,72,78,891
22	Maharashtra	8,37,94,676
23	Manipur	18,96,106
24	Meghalaya	16,67,906
25	Mizoram	10,22,713
26	Nagaland	10,77,147
27	Odisha	3,67,48,912
28	Puducherry	10,27,701
29	Punjab	2,01,88,529
30	Rajasthan	5,38,58,282
31	Sikkim	7,49,059
32	Tamil Nadu	6,10,57,797
33	Telangana	2,96,02,802
34	Tripura	32,49,356
35	Uttar Pradesh	14,73,02,931
36	Uttarakhand	1,02,39,803
37	West Bengal	7,70,79,368
	Total	1,03,12,19,459

Government and Private CVCs wise data maintained from 1st May 2021