

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1465
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28th JULY 2023**

COVID-19 VACCINATION DRIVE FOR CHILDREN

**1465. SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA):**

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

- (a) whether the COVID-19 vaccination drive for children and others has been put on hold in the country by the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for non availability of vaccine slots in the country including Delhi & NCR's vaccination centres; and
- (c) the total number of COVID-19 doses of vaccination administered to children above the age of 12 years to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among children in the country?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(PROF. S.P. SINGH BAGHEL)**

(a) to (c): The National COVID-19 Vaccination Programme covers all children and others above the age of 12 years of age. All States/UTs were advised by the Ministry to continue the vaccination of eligible beneficiaries and the programme is ongoing in States/UTs that procured vaccine doses.

As on 24th July 2023, a total of 10.34 crore beneficiaries have received 1st dose and 8.63 crore beneficiaries have received 2nd dose of Covid-19 vaccine in 12-18 years age group in the country.
