

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1686
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH March, 2021**

**ADMINISTRATION OF COVID-19 VACCINE TO PEOPLE ABOVE
50 YEARS OF AGE**

1686 **SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to administer vaccine to the people above 50 years of age shortly in the second phase across the country
- (b) if so, the details thereof
- (c) whether Government has fixed any cost for COVID-19 vaccine for the people above 50 years of age
- (d) if so, the details thereof and
- (e) the time frame fixed by Government to complete second phase of vaccination?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) & (b): National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) has prioritized next priority group for COVID-19 vaccination. These are persons above 60 years of age and persons aged between 45 to 59 years with one of the 20 listed comorbidities. The vaccination for this priority group has begun across the country from 1st March 2021.

NEGVAC has also recommended persons above 50 years of age as priority group for vaccination, to be taken up in the next phase.

(c) & (d): COVID-19 vaccine is being provided free of cost at Government COVID-19 Vaccination Centres (CVCs) while at Private CVCs, COVID-19 vaccine is available at a ceiling cost of INR 250 per dose per person.

(e): The COVID-19 Vaccination is an ongoing and dynamic process, which is being expanded to include beneficiary groups as prioritized by National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC). In view of dynamic nature of COVID-19 pandemic and inclusion of new priority groups, no time frame, at present can be indicated for completion of vaccination.