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

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.263 TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH JULY, 2021

PFIZER AND MODERNA VACCINES IN INDIA

263 SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

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

- (a) the current status of the arrival of Pfizer and Moderna vaccines in India
- (b) the total number of doses of Moderna and Pfizer vaccines provided to India under US donation programme and
- (c) whether Government plans to buy more doses of these vaccinations from US to speed up the vaccination process, if so, the details thereof?

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

- (a): COVID-19 vaccine manufactured by Moderna has been approved for Restricted Use in Emergency situation by the National Regulator i.e. Drug Controller general of India (DCGI). COVID-19 vaccine manufactured by Pfizer is not yet approved by the national regulator.
- (b): No doses of Moderna and Pfizer vaccines have so far been received under US donation programme.
- (c): NEGVAC is deliberating with offshore COVID-19 vaccine manufacturers including Moderna & Pfizer for procurement of these vaccines.