

No.Z.33013/45/2020-IMM-Part(1)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare  
Immunization Section

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Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi  
Dated : 29th Oct, 2020.

To,

Shri Venkatesh Nayak  
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Kalu Sarai, New Delhi-110016  
Email: venkateshnayak.ss@gmail.com

**Subject: Information sought under RTI Act, 2005 reg.**

Sir,

Please refer to your online RTI application Reg No. MOHFW/R/E/20/03157 dated 30/09/2020 received to undersigned on 05.10.2020 seeking information under RTI Act, 2005. The point-wise reply is as follow:-

Point No.	Reply
1-3	National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 has been constituted. The Terms of Reference for the same is annexed.
4-9	The information sought does not come under the ambit of definition of information as per Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005.
10	The National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 will be serviced by D/o Health & Family Welfare.
11&12	The information is not available with Immunization Section.

2. In case, you are not satisfied with the reply, an appeal can be made to Mr. Elangbam Robert Singh, Director (RCH), R.No.405, D-Wing, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi-110011 within 30 days or receipt of this reply, who is the appellate authority in this matter.

Yours faithfully

Digitally signed by D N K  
KUTUMBA RAO  
Date: Thu Oct 29 15:38:49 IST  
2020  
Reason: Approved

Encl.:As above

(D.N.K. Kutumba Rao)  
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India & CPIO  
Tele: 23063724

Copy to:-

1. Section Officer, RTI Cell, M/o Health & Family Welfare with reference to RTI application Reg No. MOHFW/R/E/20/03157 dated 30/09/2020.
2. PA to US(Imm)

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New Delhi, the 07<sup>th</sup> August, 2020

ORDER

**Subject: Constitution of National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 – reg.**

The competent authority has approved the constitution of a National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 with the following composition:

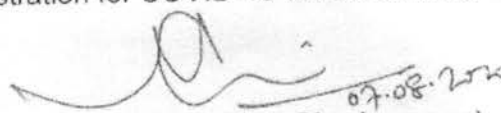
1. Dr. V.K. Paul, Member (Health), NITI Aayog – **Chair**
2. Secretary, D/o Health & Family Welfare – **Co-chair**
3. Foreign Secretary
4. Secretary, D/o Biotechnology
5. Secretary, D/o Health Research & DG, ICMR
6. Secretary, D/o Pharmaceuticals
7. Secretary, M/o Electronics & Information Technology
8. Director General of Health Services, M/o Health & Family Welfare
9. Dr. Randeep Guleria, Director, AIIMS, Delhi
10. Dr. Samiran Panda, Director, National AIDS Research Institute & Head ECD, ICMR
11. Dr. Rakesh Aggarwal, Member, NTAGI and Dean, JIPMER, Puducherry
12. Representative from D/o Expenditure, Ministry of Finance
13. Representatives from 5 States (to be nominated by D/o HFW on rotation basis)

Expert Group may also invite other experts for consultation as special invitees.

2. Terms of Reference (ToR) of the National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 are as under:

- i. Prepare a strategy for conceptualization and implementation mechanisms for creation of a digital infrastructure for inventory management and delivery mechanism of the vaccine including tracking of vaccination process (last mile delivery).
- ii. Provide guidance on selection of COVID-19 vaccine candidates for the country. The National Expert Group will be assisted by the Standing Technical Sub-Committee of National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (NTAGI) for this purpose.
- iii. Provide guidance on procurement mechanism of COVID-19 vaccine, both indigenous and international.
- iv. Provide guidance on prioritization of population groups for vaccination.
- v. Provide guidance on financial resources required for procurement of COVID-19 vaccine and various options of financing the same.
- vi. Provide guidance on selection of delivery platforms, on cold chain and associated infrastructure for roll out of COVID-19 vaccination.
- vii. Formulate a precise strategy and follow-up action on all possible scenarios to ensure equitable and transparent delivery of vaccine.

- ix. Provide guidance on vaccine safety and surveillance, based on the recommendations of National AEFI (Adverse Event Following Immunization) Committee of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.
- x. Provide guidance on creating awareness and disseminating information.
- xi. Provide guidance on the role of India in supporting its key neighbours and development partner countries including LMICs for COVID-19 vaccines.
- xii. Provide guidance on leveraging domestic vaccine manufacturing capacity for meeting the national and international needs of COVID-19 vaccines.
3. The National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 will be serviced by D/o Health & Family Welfare.

  
(Niranjana Chandrashekhara Cheriyan)  
Deputy Secretary  
Tel: 23015861

**To**

1. Dr. V.K. Paul, Member (Health), NITI Aayog
2. Secretary, D/o Health & Family Welfare
3. Foreign Secretary
4. Secretary, D/o Expenditure – with a request to nominate one Senior Officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary
5. Secretary, D/o Biotechnology
6. Secretary, D/o Health Research & DG, ICMR
7. Secretary, D/o Pharmaceuticals
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**Copy for kind information to:**

Principal Secretary to Prime Minister  
Principal Adviser to Prime Minister