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**ID on HC report on access to COVID - 19 Vaccines**

Respected Chairperson,

Over 2.2 billion doses of COVID-19 vaccines had been administered through 3,006 centres in India. More than 96% of eligible persons in India are already vaccinated. India developed its indigenous Vaccine “Covaxin”, besides producing another vaccine “Covishield”. Door to Door campaigns were undertaken even in remote locations for comprehensive coverage. India’s COWIN App enabled digital management of the massive vaccination programme enabling Real Time Data on eligibility, appointment scheduling, logistics, issue of vaccination certificate, etc. Over 235 million COVID-19 vaccines have been supplied to 98 countries by India as part of its 'Maitri' initiative. During the pandemic, the National Human Rights Commission has been active throughout, whether in advising the government regarding policy gaps or working on the ground and addressing complaints. The Commission also recommended the government to ensure the availability of vaccines at all times by reviewing the vaccine supply chain; launching the Public Health Outreach Program for vaccination to reach vulnerable and to continue the mass awareness campaigns.

Thank you