

India, one of the world's driving drug makers, on Tuesday said it will give COVID-19 antibodies under assistance to Bhutan, Maldives, Bangladesh, Nepal, Myanmar and Seychelles from Wednesday, and that shipments will be shipped off to Sri Lanka, Afghanistan and Mauritius too on receipt of important administrative clearances.

In a tweet, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said India is profoundly regarded to be a "long trusted" accomplice in gathering the medical services needs of the worldwide local area and that provisions of the immunizations to a few nations will begin on Wednesday, and more will continue in the near future. India as the leading pharmaceutical nation has planned on expanding number of nations under COVID immunization.

India is deeply honoured to be a long-trusted partner in meeting the healthcare needs of the global community. Supplies of Covid vaccines to several countries will commence tomorrow, and more will follow in the days ahead.

[#VaccineMaitri https://t.co/9Czfkuk8h7](https://t.co/9Czfkuk8h7)

— Narendra Modi (@narendramodi) [January 19, 2021](#)

The Ministry of External Affairs said India will supply COVID-19 antibodies to accomplice nations throughout the next few many months in a staged way keeping in view the homegrown necessities. In an assertion, the MEA said India has gotten a few requests for the stock of Indian-produced antibodies from adjoining and key accomplice nations. The press release mentioned, "Because of these solicitations, and with regards to India's expressed obligation to utilize India's' antibody creation and conveyance ability to help all of humankind battle the COVID pandemic, supplies under award help to Bhutan, Maldives, Bangladesh, Nepal, Myanmar and Seychelles will start from January 20." The release further added, "In regard of Sri Lanka, Afghanistan and Mauritius, we are anticipating their affirmation of vital administrative clearances."

India has just revealed an enormous COVID immunization drive under which two antibodies, 'Covishield' and 'Covaxin', are being controlled to forefront wellbeing laborers the nation over. While Oxford-AstraZeneca's Covishield is being fabricated by the Serum Institute, Covaxin is being created by Bharat Biotech. *"India fulfils commitment to give vaccines to humanity. Supplies to our neighbours will start on 20th January. The Pharmacy of the World will deliver to overcome the COVID challenge,"* External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said

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— Dr. S. Jaishankar (@DrSJaishankar) [January 19, 2021](#)

In India's attempt to carry out COVID immunization drive for its neighbours, here's how the countries perceive the whole process-

Nepal

In the recent 6th Nepal-India Joint Commission meeting, India agreed to supply 12 million doses of vaccines to Nepal, at fair price. It is to be noted that Nepal has volunteered to purchase vaccines from India instead of China, which could indicate a change in wind for Nepal's foreign policy given the border dispute it continues to engage with India.

Bangladesh

The Government of Bangladesh is in agreement with India and is set to get 2 million portions of Coidsheild. Bangladesh Health Minister Zahid Maleque said that the nation would get 2,000,000 portions of the AstraZeneca Covid-19 immunization (Covishield) from India as a "gift" on Wednesday. Maleque affirmed to IANS that an exceptional Air India flight conveying the transfer would land at Dhaka air terminal on Wednesday.



Image source: One India

“We expect the immunization will show up according to plan on Wednesday or on Thursday. I will by and by get the immunization at Dhaka air terminal,” the Health Minister said on Tuesday.

Sri Lanka

PM Modi has assured its island friend of assured vaccine supply. Prime Minister Rajapaksa had earlier tweeted that India’s vaccination drive was the beginning of the end of “this devastating pandemic”. India’s Foreign Minister S.Jaishankar has assured of its priority based supply of vaccines to Sri Lanka. Indian High commission in Sri Lanka tweeted that the drive as a “human-centric approach to further global good”. Responding to the tweet PM Rajapaksa congratulated India in a twitter exchange “India’s vaccination drive was the beginning of the end of this devastating pandemic”.

Bhutan

Bhutan is the first country to receive 1,50,000 doses of Vaccine from India. As a goodwill gesture, India is supplying COVISHIELD vaccines made by Pune-based *Serum Institute* of India. India's contribution to Bhutan includes PPE kit, Paracetamol tablets, hydroxychloroquine, ventilators, masks, gloves and other medical equipments.

Maldives

The Prime Minister during his visit to Maldives in June 2019 appropriately said 'Neighborhood First is our need; and in the Neighborhood Maldives is our priority'. As per the sources, a transfer containing 1 lakh dosages of COVISHIELD Vaccine will be dispatched on twentieth January which will vaccinate its huge populace.

At the point when worldwide lines were obstructed because of the flare-up of Covid-19 in April 2020, Indian Government dispatched 'Operation Sanjeevani' to meet the medication prerequisites of Maldives. Under this activity, an extraordinary Indian Air Force plane carried 6.2 huge loads of fundamental clinical supplies from India to Maldives. The Maldives Foreign Minister has freely reported that India has been the "first and the best responder" for the Maldives during this emergency. It is to be noticed that Indian help comes with no pre-conditions or assumptions.

Flash: Maldives President [@ibusolih](#) address the nation ahead of the arrival of Indian vaccine to the country. pic.twitter.com/r7N67UGuM6

— Sidhant Sibal (@sidhant) [January 20, 2021](#)

Even the Prime Minister of Cambodia Hun Sen, has asked the Indian government to provide vaccine assistance to Cambodia. The solicitation was made by Hun Sen during his gathering with Devyani Uttamkhobragade, Indian Ambassador to Cambodia at the Peace Palace."Through the representative, Samdech Hun Sen mentioned the Indian government give COVID-19 immunization to Cambodia," said Eang Sophalleth, individual partner to the Prime Minister after the gathering. "In the answer, Ms Ambassador promised to present the solicitation to her administration," he said. Sophalleth added that Indian-made immunizations Covishield and Covaxin-can be put away at a temperature of 18 degrees Celsius, which is appropriate for Cambodia.

India yesterday started one of the world's greatest COVID-19 inoculation programs, the first major developing nation to roll out the immunization, denoting the start of a push to vaccinate more than 1.3 billion individuals.



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