



# PRAVASI LEGAL CELL

Empowering People on Legal Front

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Dated:-13th April, 2021

To,

Dr.Harsh Vardhan  
Hon'ble Minister of Health and  
Family Welfare,  
Government of India

**Subject:- Requesting for granting preference to people from the Pravasi Community who have valid visa of foreign countries in the vaccination drive.**

Honourable Minister,

Pravasi Legal Cell (PLC) is a registered NGO working with the objective of empowering people on the legal front. It is a group of retired judges, practicing lawyers, social activists, academicians and public spirited citizens working to empower people with the power of law. For the last ten years it has been striving to provide legal aid to the most needy and voiceless individuals of the society, especially the Indian migrants and emigrants.

The organisation during the ongoing Covid-19 times has filed numerous representations and Public Interest Litigation(s) before the Hon'ble Supreme Court and in the High Court of Delhi and Kerala on multifarious issues which affect the lives of the Indian expatriate community. There were positive interventions of the Hon'ble Apex Court in the PIL(s) filed on issues pertaining to repatriation of stranded pregnant women and refund of canceled airline tickets and more recently notice has been issued by the Apex Court in the plea filed by PLC on the issue of abandonment of woman by their NRI husbands.

At the outset the organization places on record its appreciation and sincere gratitude for the commendable steps taken by your Ministry to tackle Covid-19 in the country. We also extend our best wishes to the Government of India and your Ministry for the ongoing vaccination drive and also express our appreciation for the recent decision of your ministry to allow workplace vaccination from April 11.

That the instant representation has been filed for immediately considering giving preference in the vaccination drive to innumerable Indian expatriates who are in the country and have valid visas for returning back to foreign countries for their livelihood as and when the travel restrictions are lifted.

We do understand that at present the Government of India has been conducting the vaccination drive keeping the age bracket in mind. But it is our humble suggestion to grant preference to



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those Indian Expatriates who are presently in India and have valid visas for going abroad after the travel restrictions are eased. It may be apt to mention herein that there is also a need to give preference to the aforesaid category of people because many foreign countries are only allowing vaccinated persons to their countries and some countries have extended relaxation in institutional quarantine rules for those expatriates who enter their country vaccinated.

That we further request to pass a direction regarding granting preference to the aforementioned category of Indian expatriates at the earliest because the vaccination process is month long and the person is only considered vaccinated after he /she receives both the two doses.

Hence, in light of the above circumstances, we again humbly request you to grant preference to people from the Pravasi Community who have valid visa of other countries in the vaccination drive.

We hope you will consider the instant representation in its true letter and spirit and will do the needful at the earliest considering the urgency cited above, as has been done in the past by the Government of India and your Ministry in particular.

Thanking You

Yours sincerely,

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