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NEW DELHI: A presentation made to the National AEFI (adverse event following immunisation) Committee on March 31 recorded that there had been 180 deaths till that time and three-fourths of the deaths happened within three days of the shot.

In other serious adverse events too, the overwhelming majority took place in the three-day window. Even as AEFI deaths are reported daily, causality assessment by the National AEFI Committee appears to be lagging with information about just 10 deaths in the public domain.

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### TIME SINCE LAST VACCINE DOSE

AEFI*	<3 days	4-7 days	8-28 days	>28 days	Total
Deaths	93	18	11	0	124
Hospitalisation	276	15	13	1	305
Severe AEFI	55	4	4	0	63

Data pertains to those AEFI for which such details were presented to the committee

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Public health activists who have been tracking adverse events following immunisation (AEFI) in the ongoing covid vaccination effort have repeatedly sought greater transparency in AEFI investigations and more rapid causality assessments to help inform vaccination policy.

#### WHO'S GOT, CONSUMED HOW MUCH, WHAT'S LEFT

State/UTs	Delivered	Consumed	Remaining	In pipeline	Avg daily doses since Apr 1	Remaining	
						(In days)	+ Pipeline (in days)
Andhra Pradesh	3,794,920	3,657,290	137,630	1,458,170	112,117	1.2	14.2
Bihar	4,644,080	4,379,200	264,880	1,096,890	170,290	1.6	8.0
Uttar Pradesh	9,209,330	8,324,950	884,380	4,798,450	349,848	2.5	16.2
Uttarakhand	1,336,100	1,166,930	169,170	—	59,304	2.9	2.9
Odisha	4,344,140	3,787,520	556,620	200,000	172,363	3.2	4.4
Madhya Pradesh	5,819,530	5,013,300	806,230	3,376,220	230,962	3.5	18.1
Maharashtra	10,619,190	9,118,350	1,500,840	1,943,280	391,460	3.8	8.8
Rajasthan	10,495,860	9,031,550	1,464,310	383,260	366,647	4.0	5.0
Jammu & Kashmir	1,351,600	1,180,830	170,770	160,240	41,703	4.1	7.9
Jharkhand	2,474,340	2,129,810	344,530	2,047,610	69,126	5.0	34.6
West Bengal	8,383,340	7,055,520	1,327,820	2,105,970	260,765	5.1	13.2
Chhattisgarh	4,666,550	3,537,040	1,129,510	—	212,249	5.3	5.3
Delhi	2,370,710	1,935,240	435,470	200,000	76,251	5.7	8.3
Gujarat	10,519,330	8,465,990	2,053,340	—	349,645	5.9	5.9
Punjab	2,236,770	1,606,640	630,130	—	90,833	6.9	6.9
Assam	1,781,080	1,451,120	329,960	818,740	42,276	7.8	27.2
Karnataka	7,057,900	5,401,880	1,656,020	1,377,560	202,805	8.2	15.0
Himachal Pradesh	1,116,990	785,020	331,970	193,160	35,193	9.4	14.9
Haryana	3,042,220	2,261,930	780,290	1,992,150	63,542	12.3	43.6
Kerala	5,606,790	4,149,420	1,457,370	974,710	106,785	13.6	22.8
Telangana	2,599,230	1,831,190	768,040	362,280	55,633	13.8	20.3
Chandigarh	180,930	106,280	74,650	—	3,451	21.6	21.6
Goa	264,370	150,180	114,190	—	4,918	23.2	23.2
Tamil Nadu	5,428,950	3,758,190	1,670,760	221,440	37,211	44.9	50.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>111,355,690</b>	<b>91,604,930</b>	<b>19,750,760</b>	<b>24,515,320</b>	<b>3,582,968</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>12.4</b>

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After initial denial, the European Union and the UK medicine regulators, following detailed investigation, have concluded that there is a possible link between some blood clotting events with low platelets and the Oxford-Astra Zeneca vaccine and have asked for these to be listed as "extremely rare potential side-effects". However, they have asked for the vaccination to continue as benefits still outweigh risks.

The presentation to National AEFI Committee on March 31, showed that over 90% of AEFI hospitalisations (276/305), more

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than 87% of cases of severe AEFI (55/63) and 93 out of 124 deaths happened within three days of the vaccination.

"The majority of reported AEFIs occurring soon after doing may also represent a reporting bias as events happening after the initial few days could be getting missed out," said Malini Aisola, a public health activist. She added that since Covishield is the same vaccine as the AstraZeneca one, warnings related to the rare conditions flagged by EMA, information for vaccine recipients and the public about when to seek medical attention, and information for health providers about how to identify and treat such occurrences needs to be done for Covishield too.

Out of 86 such events reported in the EU and UK where 25 million people had received the vaccine, 18 were fatal. India has administered over 90 million doses, of which the bulk have been Covishield, the vaccine AstraZeneca licensed to the Serum Institute.

Since the start of the vaccination drive on January 16, according to the health ministry press briefings, there were 9 deaths recorded by January 27, 46 by February 26 and 89 by March 16. "As expected, with the pace of vaccination picked up and the categories of those eligible for vaccination expanded, the number of deaths reported went up.

Between March 16 and 29 there were 91 deaths," pointed out Siddhartha Das, who has been tracking AEFI events reported from across the country. He added that with so many cases, the committee would have to work much faster to do proper causality assessment.

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