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HMD completes shipment of 140 M syringes for global vaccination campaigns

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Hindustan Syringes & Medical Devices Ltd (HMD) has shipped the last shipment of 35 million pieces of KOJAK Auto Disable Syringes to Covax stockpile facility via UNICEF to complete the 140 million KOJAK AD syringes order for 2020 stockpiled AD Syringes for global COVID vaccination campaigns.

"HMD, as committed, delivered a total of 140 million in 5 months time to the Covax facility working for global equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines," said Rajiv Nath, Managing Director, Hindustan Syringes & Medical Devices Ltd.

According to Nath, the estimated demand in India would be around 900 million pieces of different kinds of syringes for just one shot of the vaccine, considering 60-70 per cent of the country gets vaccinated. The number would amplify to 1.8 billion if the vaccine India chooses needs two shots.

HMD is currently producing approx 1 lakh pcs of 0.5 ml Kojak AD syringes per hour, 24 hours a day - it's going to be a challenge to vaccinate over 1.5-2 lakh people every hour in 8 working hours daily. By April - June we will need to build infrastructure to vaccinate over 2-2.5 lakh people per hour ie 16 to 20 lakh people daily.