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Vaccination is slow: MPs' panel

Standing Committee says it will take many years to cover whole population

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The parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs has observed that "till now, less than 1% of the Indian population has been vaccinated and at this rate it will take many years to vaccinate whole population".

The panel, headed by Congress leader Anand Sharma, tabled the report in the Rajya Sabha on Monday.

"The Committee also expresses its concern that a large number of people are missing the second dose of the vaccine. The Committee



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believes that it is very serious issue as the virus is mutating and new variants of COVID-19 are being reported

in different parts of the world," the report said.

The committee recommended that all frontline

health workers and corona warriors, including central armed police force (CAPF) personnel and State police, receive the recommended doses of vaccine.

"An attempt should be made to cover maximum people as early as possible," the report said.

Officials from the Home Ministry told the panel that a special campaign against vaccine hesitancy had been launched.

Further, regular reviews are being undertaken with States and UTs for increasing the pace, the Ministry said.