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Title: Demand to start the third dose or the booster dose and vaccination for young people between the age of 12 to 18 years.

**PROF. SOUGATA RAY (DUM DUM):** Sir, through you, I demand the Government that the booster dose for COVID-19 should be started in the whole country immediately. India has not started the booster dose because of some differences of opinion amongst the Expert Committee. Now, Omicron has entered India, and already the number of affected people found in India has come to 40. Maharashtra has two more Omicron cases. It is not easy to find whether a particular patient is infused with Omicron or not because of the problem in genome sequencing. Yesterday, in Maharashtra, two well-known film artistes, Karina Kapoor and Amrita Arora, have been affected by COVID-19, which is a matter of concern for all of us.

Sir, I demand that the third dose or the booster dose should start immediately. Young people between 12 and 18 years of age, who have not received the COVID-19 vaccine so far, should also get the dose. ... *(Interruptions)* I may just mention that the U.K. Prime Minister, Mr. Boris Johnson has declared an Omicron Emergency in his country, and there, they have started giving the booster dose. It has become a big pandemic. We are all scared whether the third wave will happen, and if it happens, we should not be caught unaware. Thank you, Sir.

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