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To: Health authorities and Covid task forces at all administrative levels

Subject: Are coercive methods for Covid-19 vaccines warranted?

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The mainstream narrative has been pushing universal Covid-19 vaccination, with extreme levels of coercion, making Covid-19 jabs even for accessing basic services. It paints the unvaccinated as a danger to themselves and to others. This stance is not just inaccurate, it is also unconstitutional and societally harmful. We raise several questions in this context.

1. At this time in India, unvaccinated does not mean unprotected, as [sero-surveys](#) show that the vast majority of Indians already have immunity through natural exposure. Furthermore, it is now known that the current Covid-19 vaccines are non-sterilizing: even those who are vaccinated can get infected and transmit the virus to the [same extent](#) as those unvaccinated. We also know now from various studies that Covid-19 vaccine efficacy [waned](#) with time, within 3-6 months. **What then, is the scientific basis for discrimination based on vaccination status, or other coercive techniques for these vaccines?**
2. More importantly, the painting of the “unvaccinated” as “dangerous to society” and “unclean” is causing **societal rift**. Mandates and coercion techniques are serving as an additional tool for **corruption**, oppression, and exploitation of the marginalized. Extreme coercion will also turn people away from not only these vaccines, but also other more important ones, since trust is violated. As Prof. Martin Kulldorff (Professor of medicine, Harvard University) says: “If you are pro-vaccine, you should be against vaccine mandates.”
3. Mandatory medical intervention on individuals is not only a [violation](#) of the Indian constitution, it is also a fundamental [violation](#) of the basis of medical ethics: **informed consent**. The current Covid-19 vaccines are not even approved, and still under trial and under emergency use. The MoHFW [website](#) itself clearly lists conditions under which the vaccine is not advisable, so it must be each individual’s informed choice. Why the coercion?