Uttar Pradesh government floats global tender for 4 crore jabs

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LUCKNOW: The state government has floated global e-tender to procure 4 crore doses of Covid-19 vaccines from licensed manufacturers to fulfill the demand for vaccination, an official said on Wednesday.

The tender floated by UP Medical Supply Corporation Limited (UPMSCL) for 4 crore doses will be governed by the Government of India guidelines. The tender documents can be downloaded from the UPMSCL website on May 7 and licensed vaccine manufacturers can submit them online by May 21.

UP government spokesperson Sidharth Nath Singh said CM Yogi Adityanath had on April 29 decided that a global tender will be floated for the required additional vaccine doses.

Four licensed companies, including Moderna, Sputnik and AstraZeneca, have been given approval by the Government of India.

"Serum Institute of India and <u>Bharat Biotech</u>, the two companies manufacturing vaccines in India, have already been given orders for 50 lakh doses each of <u>Covishield</u> and Covaxiny. However, due to large population, the state is making arrangements for additional doses and has floated global e-tender," said a government spokesperson.