

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3895
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th MARCH, 2017**

SHORTAGE OF LIFE-SAVING HIV DRUG

**3895. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:
PROF. SAUGATA ROY:
SHRI SUMAN BALKA:**

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of a life-saving HIV drug for children viz. Lopinavir syrup which has been withdrawn production stopped by its sole manufacturer;
- (b) if so, the details and reasons therefor and corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) the number of HIV children estimated to be affected by it, State/ UT-wise?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

- (a): Yes. Government has taken note of a life-saving HIV drug for children viz. Lopinavir syrup which has been withdrawn/stopped production by its sole manufacturer.
- (b): The sole manufacturer with WHO GMP, M/s Cipla stopped production of syrup formulation without prior intimation to the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO). Currently NACO has done an emergency procurement from a registered manufacturer M/s McNeil and Argus. The drug has already been supplied and is available throughout the country.
- (c): The syrup LPV/r is required for treatment of HIV positive children with weight below 10 kg, and hence number of children receiving this drug varies from time to time. As per February - 2017 Monthly progress report from State AIDS Control Society (SACS), 651 children are getting this drug. The State / UT wise details are placed at annexure

ANNEXURE

State	Number
Andhra Pradesh	14
Arunachal Pradesh	1
Assam	1
Bihar	0
Chandigarh	24
Chhattisgarh	1
Delhi	21
Goa	1
Gujarat	77
Haryana	2
Himachal Pradesh	0
J&K	0
Jharkhand	7
Karnataka	147
Kerala	4
Madhya Pradesh	33
Maharashtra	172
Manipur	7
Meghalaya	7
Mizoram	12
Mumbai	13
Nagaland	4
Odisha	8
Pondicherry	0
Punjab	4
Rajasthan	23
Tamil Nadu	19
Telangana	35
Tripura	0
Uttar Pradesh	4
Uttarakhand	0
West Bengal	10
Sikkim	0
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0
India	651