

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 47
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15TH DECEMBER, 2017**

SHORTAGE OF HIV DRUG

47. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

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

- (a) whether drug manufacturers are refusing to manufacture child doses of HIV drugs and participate in bids on account of non-payment of their dues;
- (b) whether there is only one manufacturer for Lopinavir Syrup in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has instructed State AIDS Control Societies to purchase the drug from local markets; and
- (d) the other steps taken by the Government in this regard?

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

- (a): No.
- (b): Yes, there is only one manufacturer of lopinavir syrup in the country. Currently only M/s McNeil and Argus is manufacturing the Lopinavir/ritonavir Syrup in the country.
- (c) & (d): National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) has issued standing orders to all State AIDS Control Societies to procure Anti Retro Viral drugs, in case of critical stocks only.

NACO has strengthened the supply chain mechanism for Anti Retro viral therapy and other commodities. An online Inventory Management system has been developed and implemented at all Anti Retroviral Therapy (ART) Centres as per which pharmacist at ART centre maintains daily stock and consumption of drugs. The same is then monitored at State AIDS Control Societies and National AIDS Control Organization level. In addition, a buffer stock is also kept, factoring in the lead time for procurement.

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