

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:305
ANSWERED ON:03.12.2003
ANTI-CANCER PRODUCT
BALIRAM

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

- (a) whether EMR has been granted to M/s Novartis for its Anti-Cancer Product, GLIVEC;
- (b) whether M/s NATCO Pharma is already marketing the same product at 1/10th the price of Novartis;
- (c) if so, whether M/s NATCO has challenged the grant of EMR; and
- (d) if so, response of the Government thereto including the steps proposed to be taken to maintain its price as it is meant for cancer patients?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

- (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.