

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

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SUPPLY OF MEDICINE TO AFRICAN AND CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES

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

- (a) whether three Indian Pharma Conglomerates Cipla, Ranbaxy and Matrix Laboratories have decided to supply anti-retrovirals to the parts of Africa and the Caribbean, ravaged by HIV/AIDS at a third of the existing costs;
- (b) if so, the number and names of poor countries likely to be beneficiaries;
- (c) whether R&D is also proposed to be provided to these countries; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. Three Indian Pharmaceutical companies, namely Cipla Ltd., Mumbai, Ranbaxy Laboratories Ltd., Delhi, and Matrix Laboratories Ltd., Hyderabad, have reached an agreement with the Clinton Foundation to supply anti-retrovirals to South Africa, the countries of Sub-Saharan Africa and the Caribbean. More specifically these countries are Tanzania, Mozambique, Rawanda, Haiti, The Dominican Republic, The Eastern Caribbean States and Bahamas.

(c) & (d) No, sir.