

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NEW DRUG FOR MALARIA
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Scientists have tested a new drug for the treatment of Malaria;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the new drug has been put to use to eradicate Malaria in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the result achieved therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) & (b) : Yes Sir, scientists have tested new combination drugs for treatment of malaria these are Co-artemether, a combination of artemether and lumefantrine, artesunate in combination with chloroquine or sulpha pyrimethamine which were evaluated by KEM Hospital, Mumbai and National Institute of Malaria Research, New Delhi respectively for treatment of P. falciparum malaria.

(c) & (d) Yes, the strategy of combination therapy (Artesunate + Sulfa Pyrimethamine) has been approved by Directorate of National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme for drug resistant areas qualifying for change of drug policy.