

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

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AVIAN FLU DRUG

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

(a) whether Ranbaxy, Natco Pharma and Strides Arcolab have applied to the Drug Controller for a licence to manufacture and distribute avian flu drug in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir, M/s. Ranbaxy, M/s. Natco Pharma and M/s. Strides Acolab have applied to the office of the Drugs Controller (India) for Manufacture of Oseltamivir, an avian flu drug. Oseltamivir manufactured by these firms are under testing at Central Drug laboratory.