

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

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NEW MEDICINES FOR TB
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Scientists of the country have discovered any medicine since 1963 for reducing the treatment period for T.B.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to popularize the said medicine; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) An Indian Pharmaceutical company has submitted an IND (Investigational New Drug) application for drug code name LL4858 (SUDOTIL) which includes new molecule LL3858 and Isoniazid, Rifampicin and Pyrazinamide.

The firm has stated that pre-clinical and animal studies carried out with the above said combination drug shows 100% clearance of tubercle bacilli from lung and spleen of the animals infected with resistant or sensitive strain after a 12 week treatment with 5 days a week dose regime.

(c) & (d) The above said proposal is currently under evaluation of IND Expert Committee at ICMR.