

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

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COST EFFECTIVE DRUG FOR MALARIA
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the research for making Chloroquine , a drug used in the treatment of Malaria, cheaper and effective by mixing primaquine in it;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to develop such cost effective drug in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Under the National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme(NVBDCP), both Chloroquine and Primaquine drugs are co-administered for the radical treatment of malaria cases as per the National Drug Policy for the treatment of Malaria. Although both the drugs are not available as fixed combination due to technical reasons they are given as combi packs under the National Programme.