

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3118  
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NEW CANCER DRUG  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether a Bangalore based drug company has succeeded in producing an affordable and effective cancer drug ;
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) The steps taken by the Government for patenting and popularizing of this drug ?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b) Based on application and data submitted as per Drugs & Cosmetics Rules, M/s. Biocon Bipharmaceuticals Private Limited, Bangalore has been permitted to manufacture Nimotuzumab Injection (Humanized Anti-EGFR Monoclonal antibody) on 30.8.2006, indicated for treatment of head and neck cancer.

(c) It is for the manufacturers to apply for Patenting the drug as per Indian Patents Act, 1970.