

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1218

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PREVENTION OF BIRD FLU

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

- (a) whether the Government has purchased medicines for prevention of Bird Flu;
- (b) the quantity and value of medicine purchased, company-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to develop any vaccine to prevent the spreading of Bird Flu; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The quantity and value of medicine purchased company-wise are as under:

Quantity	Value	Medicine	Company
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7,00,000 capsules	Rs.4,97,00,000	Fluvir (Oseltamivir)	M/s. Hetero Drugs
3,00,000 capsules	Rs.2,65,82,400	Tamiflu (Oseltamivir)	M/s. Taksal Pharma Pvt. Ltd.

- (c) & (d) At present there is no vaccine for human cases of Avian Influenza.