

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TREATMENT OF HIV/ AIDS

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

- (a) whether the 2nd line of treatment for HIV/ AIDS is too costly;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the trial of microbicide HIV drug in India has been halted; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a)&(b)Yes Sir; the second line treatment for HIV/AIDS costs nearly Rs. 8,000/- per patient per month as compared to first line treatment which costs Rs. 650/- per patient per month.

(c)&(d)The Independent Data Monitoring Committee (IDMC) decided to halt the trial after interim analysis, as it was revealed that the incidence of HIV in the women using Microbicide was higher as compared to control group.