

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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RIBOZYME FOR AIDS VIRUS

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

- (a) whether India has developed a ribozyme that can inhibit the replication/growth of AIDS virus;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have considered this proposal for further development;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the extent to which it is likely to help in checking AIDS virus?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (d) As per the annual report of National Institute of Immunology (NII), they are conducting a study on a ribozyme, an RNA cleaving DNA enzyme that can inhibit the replication/growth of HIV.