

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

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SHORTAGE OF TRYPANOSOMYSIS MEDICINES  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government are aware that Trypanosomysis an important medicine is not available in the country for the last 10 years which results in death of 11 tigers of rare species;
- (b) if so, the main reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to manufacturing of the said medicine?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (c) Trypanosomysis is not a medicine. It is a name given to a group of diseases caused by protozoan of the genus Trypanosome. The disease has many names depending on the causative agent, species affected and the distribution.

Control of Trypanosomysis in animals is practised interalia by prophylactic use of a number of drugs. There has been no report about the shortage of any important medicine for the treatment of trypanosomysis in animals.