

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2661  
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MANUFACTURE OF ARV  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the paediatric dosages of essential ARVs are not available under the national ART programme.
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor,
- (c) whether the Government is considering to permit public sector companies to manufacture and make available dosages of ARVs;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Under the National ART Programme, the paediatric dosages are not available in suspension form. The children are receiving ARV drugs in the form of splitting of adult dose tablets.
- (b) When NACO initiated procurement of ARV drugs, all the paediatric formulation as per national ART guidelines, were not available in the market
- (c) to (e) Yes, Sir. One public sector company, namely Hindustan Latex Ltd., has been given a trial licence to manufacture ARV drugs.