

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:421  
ANSWERED ON:24.08.2004  
MEDICINES FOR HIV/AIDS  
Pingle Shri Devidas Anandrao

**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the World Health Organisation has released a list of medicines for treatment of HIV/AIDS;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether generic medicines developed by the Indian companies have also been included in the said list;
- (d) whether some multinational companies have termed the medicines developed and manufactured by Indian companies as inferior;
- (e) if so, the details and reasons therefor;
- (f) whether these medicines were excluded from the list of AIDs control programme in the last International Conference; and
- (g) if so, the details in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (g) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.421 FOR ANSWER ON 24.8.2004 REGARDING MEDICINES FOR HIV/AIDS.

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The World Health Organization has released a list of pre-qualified medicines for the treatment of HIV/AIDS at specified manufacturing sites. The pre-qualified medicines have been found acceptable, in principle, for procurement by UN agencies.

(c): Yes, Sir. Some medicines developed by Indian Companies are included in the said list.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise, in view of reply to (d) above.

(f): No, Sir. Anti-retroviral drugs procured for providing Anti-retroviral Therapy to AIDS patients in designated centers in the country are being supplied through WHO only. These drugs are manufactured by Indian companies.

(g) Does not arise, in view of reply to (f) above.