

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
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DEAL WITH CLINTON FOUNDATION  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Indian Pharmaceutical Companies have worked out a deal with Clinton Foundation to provide cheaper second line antiretroviral and HIV diagnosis;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the possible impact of such a deal on the cost of diagnosis/testing alongwith the number of patients likely to be benefited?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) The Clinton Foundation has an agreement with Cipla, Ranbaxy and Strides to supply abacavir, a second line drug at costs lesser by 37% from those available in the market.

Regarding diagnostics, the Clinton Foundation has entered into an agreement with an Indian manufacturer Qualpro for supply of rapid diagnostic tests for detection of HIV infection. Under this agreement, for organizations having an MOU with Clinton Foundation, Qualpro will provide HIV rapid diagnostic test kits @ Rs. 22.50 per test which is 40% - 65% lower than the prices of rapid tests from branded companies.. However in India, we are able to purchase rapid test kits at Rs. 10/- per test. We are not part of this agreement.