

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
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TAMIFLU MEDICINE FOR SWINE FLU  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Tamiflu, an antiviral medicine, is most effective treatment for combating the Swine Flu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has enough stock of the said medicine to face any eventuality;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Private Hospitals are allowed to give treatment to Swine Flu patients; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) & (b) Yes, Oseltamivir is the World Health Organization recommended antiviral medicine to treat Influenza AHINI (earlier referred as Swine flu) cases.

(c) & (d) Yes, There is adequate quantity of Oseltamivir. Ten million capsules are in stock. Another six million is in stock as banking arrangement with pharmaceutical companies.

(e) & (f) Isolation/ critical care facilities have been identified in the Cities where international Airports, Ports and International Checkpoints are located for isolation and treatment of patients. In addition, such cases can be treated in any medical college or other tertiary care hospitals having isolation facilities. However, States like Karnataka have identified private hospitals in addition to Govt. facilities.

As of now, there is no community spread of Influenza A HINI in the country and government hospitals can provide treatment facilities. Decision to involve private sector hospitals for treatment facilities would be taken as the situation evolves.