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Ambassador of India to the Republic of Guinea, Mr. T. C. Barupal on behalf of the people of India handed over to Colonel Doctor Remy LAMAHA, Hon'ble Minister of Health, Government of the Republic of Guinea Six(6) tons of critical medical assistance comprising Azithromycin (250mg/500mg tablets), Hydroxychloroquine(250mg/500mg tablets), Cefotaxime, Bicalutamide, Levocetirizine, Metronidazole, Ceftriaxone, Paracetamol, Iburprofen, Monteleukast, and Chloroquine etc. to fight against the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, on 12 May 2020, stated that while India believes in self-reliance, it does not agree with self-centric arrangements, while refereeing to the ancient Sanskrit dictum *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*, meaning 'the world is one

family'. Guided by this philosophy, India has ramped up its efforts to meet its own medical needs and that of the partner nations to fight against the pandemic despite unprecedented challenges posed by the pandemic COVID-19.

India has advocated availability of medicines across the globe to guarantee fair and equitable access to essential medicines including Hydroxychloroquine (HCQ), Paracetamol and other drugs which are required on an urgent basis to fight the pandemic. The Government of India has lifted restrictions and ensured issuing of speedy clearances for export of the critical medicines i.e. Paracetamol and anti-malarial drug to various countries across the globe including the Republic of Guinea while ensuring the affordability.

India has been playing a significant role during this difficult time of COVID-19 Pandemic and has been often called the pharmacy of the world. India supported establishment of a Covid Fund by contributing \$10million for SAARC countries. India has extended the biggest humanitarian outreach especially at a time when it had to cater to its 1.3 billion people facing the Corona pandemic and reached out first to help its neighboring countries, Afghanistan, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Maldives, Mauritius, Sri Lanka and Myanmar. India has so far extended medical and other assistance to more than 150 countries facing the pandemic.

The Embassy of India in Conakry has earlier helped Topaz in importing medicines from India for donation to the Government of the Republic of Guinea.

Assistance in the form of lifesaving drugs by the Government of India manifests continuing cooperation of leaders and people of our two friendly

nations to prepare, act and fight together the common enemy of COVID-19 Pandemic.

Conakry, Guinea
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