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Case study. One of the scientists working in the R & D laboratory of a major pharmaceutical company discovers that one of the company's best selling veterinary drugs, B has the potential to cure a currently incurable liver disease that is prevalent in tribal areas. However, developing a variant of the drug suitable for human beings entailed a lot of research and development having a huge expenditure to the extent of f 50 crores. It was unlikely that the company would recover the costs as the disease was rampant only in poverty-stricken area having very little market otherwise. If you were the CEO, then- (a) identify the various actions that you could take; (b) evaluate the pros and cons of each of your actions.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2015 · GS IV · 20 marks · Ethics Case Studies

Case Studies on above issues.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

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Neglected tropical and poverty-linked disease problem

Diseases concentrated among the poor attract little private R&D because paying demand is weak; this case is that structure in one molecule.

Advance market commitment / orphan incentives

Public tools that pay for a future supply or reduce cost so that a firm can develop a drug the market will not pull.

Patent pools and access covenants

Ways to keep intellectual property from becoming a wall against the patients who need the therapy.

Fiduciary duty of a CEO

Duty to the company's lawful health, including jobs and solvency, which still does not permit hiding a life-saving lead.

Indian Council of Medical Research / public health system

Natural public partners when a disease is concentrated in tribal and poor geographies.

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