

Chapter 7

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- 7.1** The setting up of a modern ART clinic and running it satisfactorily is an expensive affair, requiring a dedicated staff that would render long-term service. The setting up of ART clinics in the public sector, which do not exist as of now, must be explored. Meanwhile, the Government could also explore the possibility of requesting the already well-established ART clinics to agree to serve the weaker sections at a reasonable price that would be met by the Government.
- 7.2** *Reduction of drug costs:* The concerned Ministries must take a look at the reason for the high cost of ovarian stimulation hormones, and encourage and support local pharmaceutical industries to start manufacture of human menopausal gonadotropins indigenously so that the treatment of our infertility patients is not dictated by the commercial motives of the multinational pharmaceutical companies but by national needs.