

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:250
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UN PROGRAMME ON AIDS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the recent Conference at UN on AIDS has adopted a blueprint to fight AIDS in the world;
- (b) if so, the details of the proposed resolution passed by the UN;
- (c) whether India has agreed to implement the recommendations made in the aforesaid resolution; and
- (d) whether UN has agreed to provide financial help and assistance to India in meeting the AIDS in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 250 FOR 8.8.2001

(a) to (d): The UN General Assembly's Special Session on HIV and AIDS was held on 25-27th June, 2001 to review and address problem of HIV/AIDS in all its aspects as well as to secure a global commitment to Enhancing coordination and intensification of National, Regional and International efforts to combat spread of HIV/AIDS in a comprehensive manner. The main components of the declaration of commitment are:

- (i) Strong leadership at all level of society for effective response to the epidemic;
- (ii) Prevention must be the main stay of response;
- (iii) Care, support and treatment of People living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA);
- (iv) Respect for the rights of People living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA);
- (v) Reducing vulnerability;
- (vi) Special assistance to children orphaned and made vulnerable by HIV/AIDS;
- (vii) Alleviating social and economic impact;
- (viii) Promotion of research and development;
- (ix) Special attention to conflict and disaster affected regions;
- (x) Additional and sustained resources and maintaining momentum and monitoring progress.

India is signatory of UN Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and agrees to implement the recommendations made in the aforesaid Declaration of Commitment.

United Nations General Assembly on HIV/AIDS has decided to set up a global AIDS and Health fund to provide financial assistance to the developing countries affected by HIV/AIDS epidemic, including India.