

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4548
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HOSPITALS FOR AIDS PATIENTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Rights International-NGOs(HIV/AIDS) suggested the Government to establish one AIDS Research Institute in each State to do research on treatment for the dreaded disease;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government;
- (c) whether not a single hospital in major cities catering exclusive to AIDS patients;
- (d) if so, reasons therefor;
- (e) the details of funds from various agencies received by Government to fight AIDS during the last three years;
- (f) the manner in which it is utilized; and
- (g) the steps taken by Government in regard to setting up hospitals in major cities exclusively for the treatment of AIDS patients?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA)

- (a) & (b): No, Sir. No such suggestion has been received by the Government.
- (c) & (d): No, Sir. The policy of the Government is to provide care and treatment to people living with HIV/AIDS in all hospitals without any stigma & discrimination. Therefore, the Government do not support the idea of exclusive Hospital for AIDS patients.
- (e): The Government of India has received financial assistance from the following agencies to fight HIV/AIDS epidemic during the last three years:-

(Rupees in Crores)

Agency	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
World Bank assisted National AIDS Control Project Phase-II	NIL	151.78	155.45
United States Agency for International Development,	4.385	6.611	6.396
(USA) assisted APAC Project in Tamilnadu.			
United States Agency for	NIL	NIL	1.460

International
Development,

(USA)
assisted
AVERT Project
in
Maharashtra

Department for International Development	6.575	10.084	6.434
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(U.K)
assisted
Partnership
for Sexual
Health
Project in
Andhra
Pradesh,
Gujarat,
Orissa and
Kerala;

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) assisted India-Canada Collaborative HIV/AIDS Project in Karnataka and Rajasthan started in 2001 and Central funds were released to implementing agencies in the financial year 2001-2002. However, in the absence of statements of expenditure, no reimbursement has so far been claimed from the funding agency.

(f) These projects are implemented through Government of India budgetary resources and later on after receipt of Statements of Expenditure from the Implementing Agencies viz. State AIDS Control Societies, reimbursement is sought from the funding agencies.

(g): No, Sir. The policy of the Government is to provide care and treatment to people living with HIV/AIDS in all hospitals without any stigma & discrimination. Therefore, the Government do not support the idea of exclusive Hospital for AIDS patients.