

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NUTRITIOUS FOOD AND SELF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO AIDS PATIENTS

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the National AIDS Control Organisation has a proposal to launch a programme to provide nutritious food and also self-employment opportunities to those infected with HIV/AIDS ; and

(b) if so, the contribution of the Union Government in this programme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) Yes, Sir. NACO in partnership with the World Food Programme is developing a proposal to provide nutritional support to People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHAs). WFP will provide technical assistance on how food can be integrated into livelihood opportunities. Jointly with NACO, WFP will identify activities, which require decreased levels of energy in order to improve and maintain human capital through food-based programmes.

(b) The Union Government has made no contribution in this programme up till now since a detailed project and operational plan is being developed.