

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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COLLECTION OF HIV AIDS DATA BY INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

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

- (a) whether irregularities have been noticed in the figures regarding HIV/AIDS by the Government;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to get the data collected through independent agencies ;
- (c) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (d) the time frame decided for obtaining these figures ?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): No, Sir. No irregularities have been noticed in the figures regarding HIV/AIDS by the Government and there is no proposal to get the data collected through an independent agency. However, Government intends to get the entire programme including approach for surveillance system evaluated by an independent agency. This includes review cum overall assessment of all the components of the programme, the correctness of the approaches used and suggesting ways of improving the existing approaches. The timeframe for this exercise is proposed to be till the end of this year.