

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

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NATIONAL AIDS CONTROL POLICY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated /proposes to formulate the National AIDS Control Policy ;
- (b) if so, the issues emphasised/proposed to be emphasised upon therein;
- (c) the time by which the policy is likely to be implemented ;
- (d) whether participation of NGOs and general public is also proposed to be sought therein; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Government of India has adopted National AIDS Prevention and Control Policy in the year 2002.

A statement indicating the issues emphasised in the policy is enclosed at Annexure - I

(c): The policy is already under implementation in the National AIDS Control Programme.

(d) & (e): The policy is already envisaging the role and participation of NGOs and the general public for their significant contribution through different approaches in arresting the spread of HIV through targeted intervention projects among core risk group of population and organising awareness programmes for spreading information regarding prevention and control of HIV/AIDS.

Annexure - I

Objectives and Goals of National AIDS Prevention and Control Policy

- To reiterate Government`s firm commitment to prevent the spread of HIV infection.
- To generate feeling of ownership among all partners.
- To create an enabling socio-economic environment and provide care and support for prevention of HIV/AIDS.
- To decentralise HIV/AIDS control programme to the field level.
- To strengthen programme management capabilities at the State and other levels and to bring in horizontal integration at the implementation level with other national programme to prevent women, children and other socially weak group vulnerable to HIV/AIDS.
- To provide adequate and equitable provision of health care to the HIV infected people.
- To constantly interact with international, bilateral and other agencies for support and cooperation.
- To ensure availability of adequate and safe blood and blood products for the general population through promotion of voluntary blood donation in the country.
- To promote better understanding of HIV infection among people, especially students, youth and other sexually active sections to generate greater awareness about the nature of its transmission and to adopt safe behavioural practices for prevention.