

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

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ESTABLISHMENT OF AIDS CONTROL CENTRES  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether AIDS control centres have been set up in the country under the agreement reached between the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) and the Trust of Bill Clinton in September, 2004

(a) if so, the details thereof , location-wise;

(b) whether the above trust would provide the funds and training for AIDS control; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) The Clinton Foundation HIV/AIDS initiative (CF) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Govt. of India in September 2004 to assist NACO in scaling up care and treatment process for people living with HIV/AIDS in India. Currently Clinton Foundation & NACO are working together in the following areas:

**Physicians Training Institute:** It is proposed to train 150,000 private sector doctors in India in HIV/AIDS care and treatment in collaboration with Indian Medical Association (IMA), Department for International Development (DFID) and World Health Organization (WHO).

**Laboratory Strengthening:** CF is assisting NACO in strengthening laboratory capabilities in its ART centers across India and have committed 13 CD4 machines, reducing the cost of reagents by over 50% and developing National Guidelines for CD4 testing.

**Accreditation:** Clinton Foundation is assisting in the development of a national set of guidelines and establishment of a comprehensive system for monitoring and evaluation of HIV/AIDS.

**Capacity Building:** Clinton Foundation is currently supporting certain staff at National AIDS Control Organization for improving monitoring & supervision of the programme.