

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

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HIV/AIDS PREVALENCE IN CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some experts have visited India to know the status of HIV/ AIDS affected children in some parts of the country in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the measures suggested by them to tackle this menace;
- (d) whether the Government has arrived at any concrete decision based on their suggestions so far; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Yes, Sir. UNICEF organized a National Consultation on children affected by HIV/AIDS in 2005. As a follow-up, a study is being undertaken to examine the barriers to services for children with HIV positive parents or orphaned by AIDS.

The above study is in its final stages and no report has been submitted so far.