

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

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FREE IMMUNITY TEST FOR AIDS PATIENTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any decision has been taken to make the immunity test for AIDS patients free of cost; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the list of hospitals where the said test is available free of cost?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. CD4 testing has been made free of cost for patients infected with HIV / AIDS. The test shall be done free of cost every six months or earlier if prescribed by a doctor of an ART centre treating the person living with HIV / AIDS. The list of hospitals where the test facilities are available is annexed alongside.