

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:1

ANSWERED ON:01.12.2004

COMBATING AIDS

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the number of HIV/AIDS patients is continuously increasing;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to appoint an expert body to determine the exact number of AIDS patients in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the names of highly vulnerable States;
- (f) the special measures being undertaken to control the disease in these States;
- (g) whether the Government has received any report of World Bank on HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention in India;
- (h) if so, the action taken/being taken by the Government on the basis of the said report;
- (i) whether the Government proposes to establish one special Centre in each district for providing health and education to the children and people afflicted with HIV; and
- (j) if so, the action plan taken/being taken to combat this disease?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(j): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 1 FOR 1ST DECEMBER, 2004

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State-wise break-up of AIDS cases reported during the last three years is given at Annexure-I.

(c)& (d) Government has decided to do an independent assessment of National AIDS Control Programme in the country and also conduct a review-cum-assessment of HIV/AIDS estimation through an independent professional consulting agency.

(e) In view of conditions of vulnerability existing in some States like the large size of population, the extent of migrant labour and weaker health infrastructure, 14 low prevalence states have been re-categorized as highly vulnerable states. List of the same is given at Annexure-II.

(f) The following special measures are being taken to control disease in these states:-

-• As a part of restructuring of the programme, it is proposed to form a State Council on AIDS under the chairmanship of Chief Minister to mainstream HIV/AIDS in the programme of all departments and to ensure multi-sectoral involvement of National AIDS Control Programme. It is also proposed to form State AIDS Governing Committee under the Chairmanship of State Health Minister for implementation of HIV/AIDS control programme adopting national policies and guidelines. The State Executive Board under the Chairmanship of State Health Secretary is also proposed to guide, oversee and monitor State AIDS control, activities.

-• An intensive public awareness campaign will be implemented involving all media.

-• All high risk groups will be covered by targeted intervention.

-• In each district of the State, the following facilities are to be established on priority, namely, free Voluntary Counseling and Testing Centres, STI clinics, Prevention of Parent to Child Transmission Centres and modernized blood banks.

(g) Yes, Sir. World Bank has shared with Government a report called `HIV/AIDS Treatment and Prevention in India`.

(h) The following actions have been taken by the Government:

> Prevention component of the programme will not be reduced while implementing Anti-retroviral Therapy through selected Government institutions,

< The overall allocations for IEC activities will be increased. An intensive communication campaign is planned for media blitz on HIV so that whole country knows about HIV/AIDS in 6 months.

< Promotion of condom use is planned to be taken up in a big way.

< Youth friendly information centres are proposed to be set up in existing PHCs in rural area and urban health centres for counseling of age group between 15-25 years.

< National Partnership on AIDS control is planned to involve various Ministries, Departments, NGOs, private agencies, corporate sector, media, legal fraternity, medical associations, etc.

< Preparation for third phase of assistance from World Bank has also been started.

(i)&(j) The Government has proposed to set up one free Voluntary Counselling and Testing Centre, Prevention of Parent to Child Transmission Centres and STD clinics in each district which will be expanded below district level in a phased manner and also for one model blood bank in each district. Currently, there are 745 Voluntary Counselling and Testing Centres, 273 Prevention of Parent to Child Transmission Centres, 645 STD clinics and 1040 blood banks are being supported by National AIDS Control Programme. States have been asked to submit proposal to establish these centres for the remaining districts where facilities are not available at present.

ANNEXURE-I

REPORTED NUMBER OF AIDS CASES DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS AND UPTIL OCT., 2004

S.No State Reported in 2001 Reported in 2002 Reported in 2003 Reported upto October 2004 Cumulative

1	A&N Island	5	6	5	33
2	Andhra Pd.	732	1085	4123	9549
3	Arunachal Pd.	0	0	0	0
4	Assam	47	16	50	225
5	Bihar	63	28	9	155
6	Chandigarh	189	223	161	991
7	D & N Haveli	0	0	0	0
8	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	1
9	Delhi	158	106	119	925
10	Goa	48	68	174	463
11	Gujarat	902	1108	1124	5152
12	Haryana	76	53	54	385
13	Himachal Pd.	51	29	28	199
14	J&K	0	0	0	2
15	Karnataka	541	294	259	2043
16	Kerala	259	385	626	1769
17	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0
18	Madhya Pd.	156	156	145	1260
19	Maharashtra	2043	3818	5072	18494
20	Manipur	307	582	1187	2866
21	Meghalaya	0	0	0	8
22	Mizoram	5	14	18	97
23	Nagaland	131	87	84	645
24	Orissa	47	15	1	128
25	Pondicherry	21	140	0	302
26	Punjab	40	59	28	292

27	Rajasthan	98	292	289	1089
28	Sikkim	2	2	2	8
29	Tamil Nadu	7354	9101	7130	40214
30	Tripura	0	5	0	5
31	Uttar Pradesh	229	359	405	1383
32	West Bengal	207	969	611	2397

Total 13711 19000 21704 91080

ANNEXURE-II

List of Highly Vulnerable States

1. Assam
2. Bihar
3. Delhi
4. Himachal Pradesh
5. Kerala
6. Madhya Pradesh
7. Punjab
8. Rajasthan
9. Uttar Pradesh
10. West Bengal
11. Chattisgarh
12. Jharkhand
13. Orissa
14. Uttranchal