

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

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PSUs FOR FIGHTING HIV/AIDS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any initiative has been attempted to bring in Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) to fight/ eradicate HIV/AIDS;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The public sector undertakings are collaborating to control HIV/AIDS in the country by adopting the workplace policy in their organizations, spreading awareness about HIV/AIDS, promoting and distributing condoms, training personnel and using available health infrastructure for HIV counseling and testing. Selected PSUs are providing ante-retroviral therapy to their employees.

(c) The Government is providing technical support, supply of condoms and financial support to some of the undertakings. A mainstreaming unit has been constituted at National AIDS Control Organisation for this purpose.