

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

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FUNDS FOR HIV/AIDS

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

- (a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the annual reports by UNAIDS and WHO on HIV/AIDS, AIDS Epidemic update, 2002 and 2003 ;
- (b) if so, the details of the said reports regarding spread of AIDS particularly in the rural areas of the country
- (c) the preventive measures suggested in the reports alongwith the response of the Government in this regard ;
- (d) whether the European Government, WHO and other foreign agencies have funded for the cure of AIDS; and
- (e) if so, the details of the funds received so far and released to States/NGOs during the last three years ?

Answer

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

(a), (b) & (c) Yes, Sir. Government is aware of the annual report by UNAIDS and WHO on HIV/AIDS epidemic update 2002 and 2003. The report released in 2003 mentions that in India, HIV/AIDS is not confined to the vulnerable groups or to urban areas, but is gradually spreading into rural areas and the wider population. This information is based on the inputs from the National AIDS Control Organization as per the analysis of HIV sentinel surveillance data of round-2002.

In order to prevent and control the spread of HIV/AIDS in India, Govt. of India has launched a comprehensive National AIDS Control Programme, currently under implementation throughout the country as a centrally sponsored scheme under following components: -

- Preventive interventions for high-risk populations through targeted interventions adopting a multi-pronged strategy including peer counseling and behaviour change communication.
- Preventive interventions for the general population through programmes for blood safety, voluntary counseling and testing services, Prevention of Parent to Child Transmission (PPTCT), Information Education and Communication (IEC) & awareness building among adolescents.
- Provision of low cost care and support services by providing community care services, treatment of opportunistic infections and prevention of occupational exposure.
- Collaborative efforts to promote inter-sectoral programme activities including workplace interventions and public-private partnerships.
- Build technical and managerial capacities for programme implementation through Surveillance, Training, Monitoring and Evaluation, Technical resource groups, operational research and Programme management.

(d) & (e) Global fund on HIV, TB & Malaria has provided US \$ 2.859 million in May 2004 for 'Prevention for Parent to child Transmission of HIV / AIDS', out of the US \$ 100.08 million agreed for five year period. Rs. 430 lakh has been released so far to three NGOs namely ARCON Mumbai, Freedom Foundation, Bangalore and YRG Care, Chennai out of the funds received so far.