

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RISING HIV CASES IN ASIA
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an estimated 8 million people are expected to be affected by HIV in Asia as reported in the Times of India dated March 28, 2008;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith its impact on India; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The Commission on AIDS in Asia has estimated that nearly 5 million people are currently infected with HIV in 23 countries in Asia including India. The HIV prevalence could increase to 10 million by 2020 if expanded prevention efforts are not introduced. The Commission on AIDS in Asia has suggested preventive strategies and care and support services. These are strategies that are currently being implemented under the National AIDS Control Programme Phase-III.