

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TREATMENT OF AIDS

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

- (a) the total number of AIDS patients in the country alongwith number of patients who died of the disease during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to control the disease and the achievements made so far as a result thereof;
- (c) the number of Government Hospitals providing treatment to AIDS patients in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has identified some hospitals in the country for providing free second line treatment to the AIDS patients;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) other steps being taken by the Government to contain the disease particularly among migrants who carry high risk of getting infected with HIV virus?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIDINESH TRVEDI)

(a) A total of 4,19,982 AIDS patients have been registered during the last 3 years and current year (till January 2010). Total number of deaths reported during this period is 56427. State wise number of AIDS patients and reported deaths is given in statement 1.

(b) A comprehensive National AIDS Control Programme phase-3 (2007-12) is being implemented to prevent and control HIV/AIDS in the country. Main activities being undertaken include:

- (i) Targeted interventions for high risk population
- (ii) Counseling and testing for HIV
- (iii) Prevention of mother to child transmission
- (iv) Blood safety programme
- (v) Public awareness through multi-media
- (vi) Management of sexually transmitted infections
- (vii) Care, support and treatment of AIDS patients.

Target and achievements for major activities is given in statement 2.

(c) At present 239 Anti-retroviral Treatment (ART) centres have been set up to provide free treatment. State-wise number of ART centres is given in statement 3.

(d) & (e) 10 Centres of Excellence have been established for provision of free second line ART to eligible AIDS patients. These are :

1. Government Gandhi General Hospital, Hyderabad
2. PGI of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh
3. Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi
4. B.J. Medical College, Ahmedabad
5. Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital, Bangalore
6. School of Tropical Medicine, Kolkata
7. Sir J.J. Hospital, Mumbai
8. Govt. Hospital of Thoracic Medicine, Tambaram

9. Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi

10. Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal

(f) Strategy to provide services to migrants include risk reduction messages and counseling, treatment of Sexually transmitted infections and provision of condoms. Currently 2.8 lakh migrants have been covered under the programme.