

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:509  
ANSWERED ON:30.04.2010  
HIV AIDS AMONG CHILDREN  
Pradhan Shri Nityananda

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

- (a) the total number of HIV positive Infected children detected so far in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the action taken by the Government for the care and treatment of the HIV/AIDS infected children;
- (c) whether any action plan has been drawn for the social and educational upliftment of such children so as to get them rid of the social stigmas;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to provide nutritional supplement support to these children; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 509 FOR 30TH APRIL, 2010

(a) Since 2002-03, a total of 101783 HIV+ children have been detected in the country. State/UT wise number of HIV+ children is given at Annexure-1.

(b) Under the National AIDS Control Programme, detection of HIV+ children through Integrated Counseling and Testing Centres and referral to Anti-Retroviral Treatment Centers for investigations and treatment are being implemented since 2004-05. Till date, 64661 children have been registered and 19182 eligible children are receiving treatment at 269 Anti-retroviral Centers setup in the country.

(c)&(d): National AIDS Control Organisation and the Ministry of Women & Child Development have formulated Policy Framework for Children and AIDS (July 2007) to provide care and support to HIV+ children. Efforts are being made for mitigation of HIV/AIDS by providing psycho-social support, opportunity for education and alleviation of stigma and discrimination of HIV+ children through NGOs and Networks of Positive People.

(e)&(f): The Government is considering to provide nutritional supplementation to malnourished HIV+ children from the current financial year 2010-11 for which operational guidelines are being worked out.