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HEALTH EDUCATION TO SEX WORKERS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government keeps an updated data on commercial sex workers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the measures taken/proposed by the Government to rehabilitate and educate these sex workers about the sexually transmitted diseases?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

(a) & (b) The dynamics of Sex Workers' operation keeps on changing. Sex workers move from one place to another and assume different names which makes it difficult to keep an updated data on commercial sex workers in the country. These sex workers are reached through NGOs and Community Based Organisations (CBOs) in their respective geographical area with prevention services like counselling, education on condom use, providing sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) care and testing in Integrated Counselling and Testing Centres (ICTC).

(c) Ministry of Women and Child Development launched the scheme "UJJAWALA" for prevention of Trafficking for Commercial Sexual Exploitation which includes Prevention, Rescue, Rehabilitation, Re-integration and repatriation. Rehabilitation component under the scheme provides rehabilitation services both immediate and long term to the victims of trafficking by providing basic amenities/needs such as shelter, food, clothing, medical treatment including counselling, legal aid and guidance and vocational training.

Yes, NACO is providing information and guidance for prevention of sexually transmitted diseases to sex workers by providing them with free treatment of STD infection through TI project staff.