

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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HIV AIDS PATIENTS

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

- (a) the number of deaths from AIDS which have been reported in the country during each of the last three years and the current year so far, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the strategies adopted by the Government for prevention of the disease and the treatment of HIV/AIDS patients in the country;
- (c) whether the Government has reduced the HIV/AIDS relating budget for the current financial year;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor indicating the funds allocated and utilised for the control of AIDS during the said period, State/ UT-wise;
- (e) whether reports regarding discrimination against HIV/AIDS patients, refusal to admit them in the hospitals have been received by the Government; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

- (a) As per the reports received from States/UTs, the number of deaths from AIDS in the country since 2008 – 09 till date State-wise is enclosed at Annexure.
- (b): Government of India is implementing National AIDS Control Programme through Department of AIDS Control as a 100% centrally sponsored scheme implemented in all States/UTs in the country for prevention and control of HIV/AIDS. The major components of the programme are as follows:
 - (i) Prevention of new infections in high risk groups and general population through:
 - a. Saturation of coverage of high risk groups with targeted interventions(TIs), and
 - b. Scaled up interventions in the general population.
 - (ii) Providing greater care, support and treatment to a larger number of people living with HIV/AIDS.
 - (iii) Strengthening the infrastructure, system and human resources in prevention, care, support and treatment programmes at the district, state and national levels.
 - (iv) Strengthening a nation-wide Strategic Information Management System.
- (c) & (d): No. Government of India has not reduced HIV/AIDS related budget for the current Financial Year.
- (e) & (f): Yes. As per the information received from States/UTs, reports regarding discrimination against HIV/AIDS patients including refusal to admit them in hospitals were received by National AIDS Control Organisation. After receipt of such complaints, a thorough enquiry is conducted by the concerned State AIDS Control Society. All State AIDS Control Societies have State Grievance Redressal Committee headed by the Principal Secretary, Department of Health of respective State to look into such issues and to all issues related to People Living with HIV (PLHIV), care, support and treatment.