

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SHELTER HOMES FOR HIV AIDS PATIENTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to construct shelter homes to accommodate HIV/AIDS patients abandoned by their families;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which these homes are likely to be constructed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) to (c): There is no provision in National AIDS Control Programme-III to construct shelter homes to accommodate HIV/AIDS patients abandoned by the family. However, there is a provision of Drop - in- Centres (DICs) run by networks of People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) and supported by NACO in A and B category districts to help in ensuring the continuum of care for PLHIV and their quality of life. There are 260 Community Care Centres also which provide care and support to PLHIV including in-patient medical care. Both these Centres provide a platform for psycho social support to PLHIVs, referral and linkages to services for care, support and treatment and positive prevention services through peer support and family counselling.