

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ANTI-RETROVIRAL TREATMENT FOR HIV/AIDS PATIENTS

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

- (a) the total number of HIV/AIDS patients alongwith the number out of them receiving first line Anti-Retroviral Treatment (ART) in the ART centres across the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to provide second line treatment for HIV/AIDS patients as recommended by the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) and set up more number of ART Centres and Link ART Centres for the purpose;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise;
- (d) whether any delay has been observed in setting up of such centres; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the remedial action taken/proposed to speed up the creation of such centres and popularise them amongst the masses?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIGHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) As on date 11,96,050 HIV/AIDS patients have been registered at 292 ART Centers. All those patients, who register at ART Centers undergo CD4 testing & eligible patients (CD4 count less than 250) are initiated on-ART as per National Guideline. Currently 3,87,205 are receiving first line ART at these Centers. The State/UT-wise detail are placed at Annexure I.

(b) to (e) Currently second line treatment is provided at 10 Centers of Excellence across the country. The details of patients on second line ART at these centers is placed at Annexure II.

Another 8 ART centers are being upgraded to "ART Plus centers" to provide second line ART. Necessary preparedness in the terms of training of manpower, viral load linkages & supply of drugs for these centers is going on. These centers are likely to be functional shortly. The details of ART Plus Centers are placed at Annexure III.