

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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HIV/AIDS

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

- (a) whether the Government has urged all the States to conduct medical tests of all the prisoners to find out the prevalence of HIV/AIDS among the jail-inmates in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has undertaken fresh measures including rolling out Red Ribbon busses in order to spread awareness about HIV/AIDS in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the present status of the bill providing for free and comprehensive treatment of HIV/AIDS patients?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRVEDI)

(a): No.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): The Government has initiated number of programmes which seek to spread awareness about HIV/AIDS in the country. One such activity was the implementation of two phases of the Red Ribbon Express project during 2007-08 and 2009-10. A specially designed exhibition train travelled across the country covering 180 and 152 railway stations respectively during the two phases. At each halt point, Red Ribbon Buses were deployed for outreach activities through which over 9 lakh people were covered during 2007-08 and over 61.58 lakh people were covered during 2009-10.

(e): The draft HIV/AIDS Bill has not yet been finalised. However, free treatment as per National Guidelines is available to HIV/AIDS patients in the country.