

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:93

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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 total number of men, women and children suffering from AIDS alongwith the number out of them receiving Anti-retroviral Treatment (ART) in the country;
- (b) the number of HIV/AIDS cases detected and deaths reported therefrom among men, women and children during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government has set any target to control the spread of HIV/AIDS under the National AIDS Control Programme Phase II (NACP-II);
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the extent to which the said target has been achieved; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to meet the shortage of Anti-Retroviral Drugs, as reported in certain States in the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.93 FOR 5TH AUGUST, 2011

Government of India is implementing National AIDS Control Programme for prevention and control of HIV / AIDS in the country. 5246 Integrated Counselling and Testing centres are set up under the programme for detection and confirmation of HIV infection and further follow up. As on date, a cumulative number of 13,20,797 HIV positive persons are confirmed and registered in 313 ART centres. Once a person is registered, his/her clinical assessment is done along with baseline CD4 count to assess whether the HIV infected person is suffering from AIDS or not. Only after the CD4 count is below 250 and/or there is evidence of an AIDS defining illness, the patient is put on ART as per the National guidelines. As on date, the total number of patients (men, women and children) suffering from AIDS across the country and on free anti retroviral treatment (ART), is 4, 26,195.

A State wise list of patients on ART is enclosed at Annexure-I. The year wise number of HIV/AIDS cases detected and deaths reported during last 3 years and current year is placed at Annexure II.

In order to control the spread of HIV/AIDS, Government of India launched National AIDS Control Programme-II (NACP-II, 1999-2006). The target to be achieved by the end of the project was "To contain the HIV epidemic at <5% of the adult population in the high prevalent States and at <3% in low prevalent States".

As per the Implementation Completion and Results Report (IDA 32420) released by the World Bank in 2006, the achievement during NACP Phase II is rated as satisfactory on the ground that the adult prevalence is at 0.91% overall for the country, 3.79% in high prevalence States and at between 0.12% and 1.29% in other States. Thus, the stated goal for the project with regard to containing the epidemic has been achieved.

The following steps were taken by the Government to meet the shortage of anti- retroviral drugs as reported in certain States in the country:

1. A robust supply chain management system has been developed to monitor drug stock position at ART centres in States, on daily basis.
2. Based on the stock position in respective ART centres and shortage of stock of any ARV drugs, relocation is done to ensure timely availability of ARV drugs in such ART centres. The requisite quantity of drugs are immediately dispatched to respective ART centres.
3. From year 2011 – 12, the ARV drugs which are procured centrally will be supplied to ART centres through State AIDS Control Societies, so that the State units can also monitor and relocate the anti-retroviral drugs in the event of any shortage in ART centres.