

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

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FREE TREATMENT OF HIV INFECTED PATIENTS

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

- (a) whether the Government is providing free treatment to the HIV infected patients in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of HIV infected patients in the country and the per head cost of treatment incurred on them;
- (c) whether the Government has excluded certain categories of HIV patients from availing free treatment;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken/ proposed by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. GANDHISELVAN)

(a) & (b): Yes. Government is providing free Anti-retroviral Treatment to HIV infected persons who develop AIDS. 4,26,195 AIDS patients are currently on treatment with first line Anti-retroviral Drugs in 313 Anti-retroviral Treatment Centres across the country. In addition, 1224 AIDS patients are on second line treatment. As on date, a cumulative number of 13,20,797 HIV positive persons are registered in these Anti-retroviral Treatment centres against an estimated number of around 23.10 lakh HIV infected persons in the country. The per head cost of treatment incurred on each patient for first line treatment is Rs.5,000/- per year and Rs.30,000/- for second line treatment per year.

(c) to (e): No. Anti-retroviral Treatment is provided as per norms and free of cost to all HIV infected persons. No category has been excluded from availing this free treatment.