

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

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INTEGRATED COUNSELLING AND TESTING CENTRES  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has set up Integrated Counselling and Testing Centres (ICTCs) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details alongwith the functions thereof;
- (c) the number of clients accessed counselling and testing services in these ICTCs during each of the last three years and the current year so far alongwith the targets fixed for the coming years, State/ UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to open new ICTCs across the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes. The Government of India has set up 5246 Integrated Counselling and Testing Centres (ICTC) under National AIDS Control Programme. An ICTC is a place, where a person is counselled and tested for HIV, at his/her will or as advised by a medical practitioner after Informed Consent.

The main functions of an ICTC Include:

# Pre and post HIV test counselling;

# Confirmation of HIV infection;

# Provision of basic information on modes of transmission and prevention of HIV/AIDS for promoting behavioral change and reducing vulnerability;

# Link people to other HIV prevention, care and treatment services.

(c): Information relating to the number of clients who accessed counselling and testing services in ICTCs during each of the last three years and the current year so far alongwith the targets fixed for the coming years, State/UT-wise is Annexed.

(d) & (e): Yes. In the year 2011-12 the Government has proposed to open 3954 facility Integrated model ICTCs, 881 ICTCs under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model and 15 mobile ICTCs in the country.