

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SECOND LINE ART CENTRES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) had announced to open second line Anti Retroviral Treatment (ART) centres as per the guidelines of the World Health Organisation (WHO) in the country;
- (b) if so, the total number of second line ART centres opened in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether there is a delay in opening these ART centres in the country;
- (d) if so, the details alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to accelerate the pace of opening new second line ART Centres as per the requirement and to equip them with equipment and trained health personnels?

Answer

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

- (a) to (d): Yes. National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) is providing second line ART at 10 Centres of Excellence (COE) across the country. A list of these Centres is annexed. These centres follow national guidelines on second line ART as recommended by the Technical Resource Group (TRG) on ART based on WHO guidelines. All these centres are fully functional at present.
- (e): Twenty one ART centres are to be upgraded as "ART plus centres" which will provide second line treatment. The process for the operationalisation of these centres is currently underway in terms of training of doctors, viral load linkages and supply of second line drugs.