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HIV INFECTION IN HIGH RISK GROUPS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has ascertained the prevalence of HIV/AIDS in High Risk Groups i.e. Truck Drivers, Female Sex Workers (FSWs), Men who have Sex with Men (MSM), Injecting Drug Users (IDUs) and street children across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total number of infection of HIV/ AIDS among the above High Risk Groups, separately during each of the last three years and the current year so far, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the number of deaths due to AIDS reported in these Groups, separately during the said period, State/UT-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes. NACO conducts HIV Sentinel Surveillance among high risk groups – Female Sex Workers (FSW), Men who have Sex with Men (MSM), Injecting Drug Users (IDU) – and bridge population – Single Male Migrants & Long Distance Truckers – to monitor the trends of HIV epidemic across the country. As per HIV Sentinel Surveillance 2008-09, HIV prevalence among FSW is 4.94%, MSM 7.30%, IDU 9.19% and Long Distance Truckers 1.62%.

Street children are not categorised as a High Risk Group for HIV/AIDS and there are no separate estimates available for this group.

(c) Required information is given at Annexed. The information submitted is based on Computerised Management Information System (CMIS) data shared by respective State AIDS Control Societies and UTs.

(d) Information on number of deaths due to AIDS is not available separately for these Groups.