

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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INSURANCE COVER FOR HIV/AIDS PATIENTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to make insurance inclusive and universal for people living with HIV in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the matter had been recently taken up with the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA) and certain insurance companies;
- (c) if so, the details along with the outcome thereof; and
- (d) the time by which people living with HIV are likely to avail universal cover for their treatment?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) In order to ascertain the possibility of making insurance inclusive of People living with HIV (PLHIV) an International Conference on Mainstreaming HIV: Role of Insurance sector was organised by NACO with the support of donor partners to demonstrate demand and explore market potential for including HIV as insurance risk. Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA) and certain insurance companies participated in it. As a follow up of this conference, initial discussions have been held with IRDA. However no firm proposal has emerged so far.