

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF HIV/AIDS

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

- (a) whether the number of reported HIV/AIDS cases and related deaths is on the rise in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the estimated number of people infected with HIV and the number of them detected so far alongwith those suffering from AIDS in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (d) the details of the schemes/programmes implemented and strategies formulated thereunder for the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS in the country; and
- (e) the Central financial assistance granted, released and utilised under the above schemes/programmes during the said period alongwith the guidelines and directives issued by the Government for their proper utilisation, State/UT-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

(a) & (b) The surveys conducted by NACO establish that both new annual HIV infections as well as death on account of HIV/AIDS are decreasing in the country. However, the cases reported in this regard do not necessarily follow the same pattern as wide expansion of ICTCs across the country, increased awareness of HIV and improved reporting under the programme is resulting in more and more persons from across the country coming forward to get tested and better reporting on deaths due to HIV/AIDS. A statement in this regard is enclosed as an Annexure-I.

(c) According to the recent HIV Estimate (2010) based on HIV Sentinel Surveillance 2008-09, it is estimated that there are 23.9 lakh people infected with HIV in India in 2009. The state/UT-wise details of estimated number of people infected with HIV in 2009 and the number of them detected so far along with patients suffering from AIDS in the country are at Annexure-II.

(d) For prevention and control of HIV/AIDS, Government of India is implementing the National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) since 1992 as a 100% centrally sponsored scheme. The Phase-III of NACP launched in July 2007 (2007-2012) has the goal "to halt and reverse the epidemic in the country over the next 5 years". The programme has adopted a four-pronged strategy:

Prevention of new infections in high risk groups and general population.

Providing greater care, support and treatment to larger number of PLHA.

Strengthening the infrastructure, systems and human resources in prevention, care, support and treatment programmes at the district, state and national level.

Strengthening the nationwide Strategic Information Management System.

These are being achieved by up-scaling preventive services to high risk populations through targeted interventions, behaviour change communication for improved awareness, expanding counselling and testing services, safety of blood and blood products through mandatory screening of every unit of blood before use, treatment of Sexually Transmitted Infections, condom promotion, support and treatment of HIV infected persons including the treatment of opportunistic infections, provision of anti-retroviral drugs and mainstreaming of HIV intervention strategies.

(e) Budget allocated and expenditure thereon during the last three years and current year under the programme is as under-

Financial Year	R.E. (In Crores)	Expenditure (In Crores)
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2008-09	1123.36	1032.37
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2009-10	980.15	959.82
2010-11	1400.00	1167.21
2011-12	1700 .00 (BE)	904.20 (up to 11/2011)

State wise details of allocation made and expenditure thereon is given in Annexure-III.

Funds are released to the Sate AIDS Control Societies for meeting targets fixed in the Annual Action Plans as Grants-in-aid as per provision of General Financial Rules.

State AIDS Control Societies incurred expenditure as per procurement, financial and operational Guidelines issued by Department of AIDs Control from time to time. Progress of implementation by State AIDS Control Societies and adherence to prescribed norms and guidelines is ensured through continuous monitoring , reporting of programme and financial data on Computerized Information Management System (CIMS) and Computerized Project Financial Management System(CPFMS) respectively, regular field visits, review meetings and independent review and evaluation by various agencies including Mid Term Review(MTR) and Joint Implementation Review Meeting (JIRM) by Donor Partners .