

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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HIV TEST FOR PREGNANT WOMEN
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to make HIV tests mandatory for the pregnant women; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRVEDI)

- (a) No. The Government does not propose to make HIV tests mandatory for the pregnant women. As per the National AIDS Prevention and Control Policy (2002) no individual should be made to undergo a mandatory HIV test. HIV testing of pregnant women under the National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) is done only after providing pre-test counseling/information and obtaining the informed consent of the concerned pregnant women and the results are kept confidential.
- (b) Does not arise.