

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:3

ANSWERED ON:22.02.2013

HIV AIDS PATIENTS

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

- (a) whether the number of people living with HIV/AIDS is on the rise in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor and the number of HIV/ AIDS cases and related deaths reported in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed and the funds released/utilized by the Government for the treatment, care and rehabilitation of HIV/AIDS patients during the said period in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has assessed the performance of various HIV/ AIDS control programmes being run in the country; and
- (e) if so, the outcome thereof and the corrective measures taken/proposed by the Government to address the issue?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a)to(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.3 FOR 22.2.2013

(a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise

(c) Under the Care, Support & Treatment component (CST) of the National AIDS Control Programme (NACP), Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) centres have been established in the medicine department of Medical colleges, District Hospitals and Sub-District/Area Hospitals in the Government sector to provide comprehensive services to persons with HIV/AIDS including free Antiretroviral Therapy (ART). As on 31st December 2012, there are 380 ART centres functional in the country and 6,04,987 patients are availing free ART from these centres.

It is proposed to make 600 ART centres functional in the country by the end of 2016-17 which will provide treatment to an estimated 8,50,000 persons living with HIV/AIDS.

Rehabilitation of People living with HIV is not a mandate of this ministry. Different ministries and departments of the Government of India provide rehabilitation services through social security schemes.

State/UT-wise details of funds utilised by the Government for care, support & treatment of HIV/AIDS patients are annexed.

(d) Yes, madam.

(e) The performance of NACP has been assessed through periodic Joint Implementation Reviews and Mid-term Review involving development partners and the Government and through independent Impact Assessment study. All the review missions reported that most of the targets under NACP have been achieved and even surpassed. An independent Impact Assessment Study, funded by the World Bank, undertaken by a consortium of three public health institutes in India, brought out that the HIV epidemic has remained contained and has been declining in the country. Increase in condom use in sex work as a result of Targeted Interventions and IEC accounted for the declines.

A detailed review of the programme performance was undertaken as a part of the elaborate multi-stakeholder consultative planning process for National AIDS Control Programme Phase-IV (2012-17) during 2011. Key challenges identified include emerging epidemics due to vulnerabilities including migration & injecting drug use, increasing treatment needs and continued stigma & discrimination. The strategy for next five years highlights further scale up & strengthening of key interventions such as targeted interventions for High Risk Groups, focused IEC for demand generation and reducing stigma, condom promotion and increased access to HIV counseling, testing and treatment. In order to address the emerging challenges, newer initiatives such as revised

migrant strategy focusing at source, transit & destination, Opioid Substitution Therapy for Injecting Drug Users and multi-drug regimen for preventing mother to child transmission of HIV are being rolled out.