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GRANTS FOR HIV AIDS CONTROL

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

- (a) whether the Government is providing grants to certain Non-Governmental and Voluntary Organisations engaged in prevention and control of HIV/AIDS in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of proposals received in this regard and those approved and pending including the reasons therefor during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the details of the grants provided to these organisations during the said period, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has monitored and assessed the works and performance of these Non-Governmental and Voluntary Organisations and if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the other measures taken/proposed by the Government to spread awareness about HIV/AIDS among the masses in the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. GANDHISELVAN)

(a) & (b) Grants for prevention and control of HIV/AIDS are mainly provided to State AIDS Control Societies (SACS) by Department of AIDS Control. The State AIDS Control Societies further release funds to Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs)/Voluntary Organisations (VOs) for prevention and control of HIV/AIDS.

However, the Department of AIDS Control has provided direct grants to some Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs)/Voluntary Organisations (VOs) for prevention and control of HIV/AIDS. Details of proposals received in this regard, those approved and pending including reasons thereof for the last three years and the current year are given in Annexure 1

(c) Details of direct grants provided to the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) / Voluntary Organisations (VOs) during the last three years and current year (up to February, 2013) are given in Annexure - 2.

# For the Grants provided by Department of AIDS Control to the State AIDS Control Societies, a robust monitoring and performance assessment system has been developed. These Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) /Voluntary Organisations (VOs) are monitored by the State AIDS Control Societies and Technical Support Units. The program performance of such Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) /Voluntary Organisations (VOs) is assessed through External Evaluation conducted by State AIDS Control Societies. The Financial Audit of such Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) /Voluntary Organisations (VOs) is conducted through Statutory Auditors appointed by State AIDS Control Societies. Detailed outcome of such performance assessment and financial audit is available with State AIDS Control Societies.

# For the grants being provided directly by Department of AIDS Control to Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) /Voluntary Organisations (VOs), the Department of AIDS Control directs the State AIDS Control Societies to monitor the field implementation of the grant activities.

(e) The Department of AIDS Control under National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) has developed a communication strategy to create awareness about HIV/AIDS and promote safe behaviors. Campaigns are conducted regularly on mass media supported by outdoor media such as hoardings, bus panels, information kiosks, folk performances and exhibition vans. At the inter-personal level, training and sensitization programmes for Self-Help Groups, Anganwadi Workers, ASHA, members of Panchayati Raj Institutions and other key stakeholders are carried out. Vulnerabilities of High Risk Groups including commercial sex workers (CSW), men having sex with men (MSM), injecting drug users (IDU) and also truck drivers and migrants are specifically addressed through behavior change communication programmes implemented as part of Targeted Intervention (TI) projects. In addition, Integrated Counseling & Testing Centers (ICTC), STI clinics and Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) centers have provision of counseling and provide necessary information to clients approaching them. NACO has also launched two phases of Red Ribbon Express project, in 2007-08 and 2009-2010 to generate awareness about HIV / AIDS across the country through a special exhibition train supported by outreach activities. The Third phase of RRE was launched 12th January, 2012 which successfully concluded on 12th January, 2013 after reaching over 1.14 crore people.