

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

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HIV AIDS TREATMENT SERVICES IN PORTS AREAS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide facilities for prevention, care, support and treatment services for HIV/ AIDS at various sea ports, airports and surrounding areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the activities and services likely to be undertaken for the purpose; and
- (d) the manner in which the above services are likely to be provided?

Answer

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

(a): Yes. Government proposes to provide counselling and testing services for HIV/ in major sea ports and surrounding areas for prevention and management of HIV/AIDS/STI. Presently there is no such proposal with regard to airports or minor sea ports.

(b) to (d): The Department of AIDS Control, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare signed a MoU with the Ministry of Shipping on 14th February 2013 for the purpose. According to the MoU, the Ministry of Shipping will make available their health infrastructure and human resources at major sea ports for prevention and management of STI/HIV/AIDS.