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INTER MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON HIV

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

- (a) whether an inter-ministerial conference for mainstreaming HIV was held in December 2012 in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the issues taken up and discussed during the said conference;
- (c) the details of the suggestions given to control the spread of HIV in the country from various participants during the conference; and
- (d) the action proposed by the Government on the basis of such suggestions to control the HIV in the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes. The following issues were taken up and discussed during the Inter- Ministerial conference for Mainstreaming HIV held in December 2012 in the country:

Risk reduction among most at risk population and vulnerable population ,

Integration of STI/HIV/AIDS related services in existing health infrastructure

Strengthening access to various social entitlements and schemes for HIV infected and affected people.

(c) & (d): Major suggestions to control the spread of HIV made by the participants during the conference included mainstreaming HIV, increasing awareness , reducing risk among most at risk population and vulnerable population, scaling up of services, reducing stigma & discrimination and building enabling environment.

The suggestions have been included in the National AIDS Control Programme, with a view to give impetus to the ongoing initiatives of the government to control the spread of HIV in a more effective manner.