

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

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HIV AIDS PATIENTS

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

- (a) whether HIV/AIDS is a leading cause of disease burden in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of cases of HIV/AIDS and related deaths reported in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide any financial assistance/compensation to the HIV/AIDS affected persons;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other measures taken/proposed by the Government for the prevention, control and affordable treatment of HIV/AIDS in the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ABU HASEM KHAN CHOUDHURY)

- (a) No. HIV Estimations 2012 based on HIV Sentinel Surveillance data up to 2010-11 highlighted that the estimated HIV prevalence in the country is 0.27% and the estimated number of people living with HIV/AIDS in India was 21 lakhs in 2011.
- (b): The State/UT-wise and year-wise number of cases of HIV/AIDS and related deaths reported in the country during the last three years and the current year, is annexed.
- (c) & (d): No. The Department of AIDS Control does not have any scheme to provide financial assistance/compensation to the HIV/AIDS affected persons.
- (e): In order to prevent and control the spread of HIV/AIDS in the country, the Government of India is implementing the National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) as a 100% centrally sponsored scheme. Under the Department of AIDS Control, there has been up-scaling of preventive services among the High Risk Group and bridge populations through Targeted Interventions, Behaviour Change Communication for improved awareness among the general population, expanding counseling and testing services, ensuring safety of blood and blood products through mandatory screening of every unit of blood before use, treatment of Sexually Transmitted Infections, condom promotion, support and treatment of HIV infected persons, free provision of anti-retroviral drugs and mainstreaming of HIV intervention strategies.