

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

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HIV AIDS CASES

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

- (a) whether as per the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS) Report-2013, India has reduced new HIV infections among adults since 2001 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of new HIV/AIDS infected cases and related deaths reported in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the programmes being implemented by the Government for the prevention, care, support and treatment of HIV/AIDS and the funds released/utilized for the purpose during the said period in the country, State/ UT-wise; and
- (d) the fresh measures being taken by the Government to sustain the achievements made in this regard and to eradicate the HIV/AIDS cases completely from the country?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes. HIV Estimations 2012 based on HIV Sentinel Surveillance data up to 2010-11 highlighted that the estimated number of new HIV infections among adults in the country has declined by around 57% over the past decade from 2.74 lakh in 2000 to 1.16 lakh 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, are given at Statements 1 & 2 respectively.
- (c): 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 are preventive services through Targeted Interventions for the High Risk Group and bridge populations; 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.
- The details of the State/UT-wise funds released and utilized for THE prevention and control of HIV/AIDS in the country during the last three years and the current year, are given in Statement - 3.
- (d): The measures being taken to sustain the achievements made under the National AIDS Control Programme include further scale-up and strengthening of key interventions such as targeted interventions for High Risk Groups; focused IEC for demand generation and reducing stigma; condom promotion; increased access to HIV counseling, testing and treatment; and newer initiatives such as revised migrant strategy focusing at source, transit and destination, Opioid Substitution Therapy for Injecting Drug Users, and multi-drug regimen for preventing mother to child transmission of HIV.