

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
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CHILDREN ORPHANED BY AIDS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether India is emerging as the new epic-center of the AIDS orphan crisis, as being the country with the largest number of children orphaned by AIDS;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any national level policy framework of guidelines to address this issue;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

(a) & (b) There is no study or survey done to estimated number of children orphaned by AIDS.

(c) & (d) Yes. "Policy framework for children and AIDS" was prepared jointly by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Ministry of Women and Child Development in July 2007 containing objectives, responsibilities of various Government bodies and priority actions for children living with the those affected by HIV/AIDS.

(e) A national paediatric initiative was launched for identification of HIV +children and treatment of eligible children with anti-retroviral therapy to upscale services for children living with HIV/AIDS in the country.Till October 2009, 60257 children were registered and 17532 eligible children were on Anti-retroviral treatment.In addition, many organizations are providing community based services to mitigate the impact of HIV/AIDS on the children and their families.