

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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NATIONAL AIDS CONTROL PROGRAMME

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

- (a) the major challenges identified, the activities undertaken and the achievements made so far under the National AIDS Control Programme (NACP), phase-IV indicating the funds earmarked, allocated and utilised for the purpose, State/UTwise;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to merge the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) with his Ministry;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor and the manner in which the said move is likely to bring down the number of HIV/AIDS infections in the country;
- (d) whether a number of health activists and stakeholders including various vulnerable groups have opposed the said proposal and urged the Government to continue the National AIDS Control Programme after the completion of NACP-IV; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which the Government proposes to address their concerns?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a): The major challenges identified under NACP-IV include emerging epidemics due to vulnerabilities including migration & injecting drug use, increasing treatment needs, ensuring social protection schemes for people infected and affected with HIV/AIDS through mainstreaming of HIV/AIDS with other ministries, continued stigma & discrimination, and integration with larger health system.

Consolidating the gains made during NACP-III, the National AIDS Control Programme Phase-IV(2012-17) was launched to accelerate the process of reversal and to further strengthen the epidemic response in India through a cautious and well defined integration process over the period 2012-2017 with key strategies of intensifying and consolidating prevention services with a focus on HRG and vulnerable population, increasing access and promoting comprehensive care, support and treatment, expanding IEC services for general population and high risk groups with a focus on behavior change and demand generation, building capacities at national, state and district levels and strengthening the Strategic Information Management System.

The achievements made so far under the NACP-IV are enclosed at Statement 1.

The funds earmarked, allocated and utilized for the purpose, State/UT-wise is enclosed at Statement 2.

(b) & (c): National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) has been functioning under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare ever since its inception. Therefore the question of merger with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare does not arise. However on creation of Department of AIDS Control (DAC) in 2008, NACO was placed under DAC. As Department of AIDS Control (DAC) has since been omitted from the First Schedule of the Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961 vide notification dated 6th August, 2014, by the same notification, the Second Schedule of the Allocation of Business Rules has also been amended and "National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO)" has been inserted under "Department of Health & Family Welfare".

The National AIDS Control Organisation continues to implement National AIDS Control Programme as per the approved strategies and objectives of reduction of new HIV infection and provision of Care Support and Treatment for people living with HIV.

(d) & (e): To the knowledge of this Department, there is no such opposition or proposal from any health activists or stakeholders. Efforts for prevention & Control of HIV/AIDS would continue even after completion of NACP-IV.