

Title: Need to take concrete steps for eradication of AIDS from the country.

SHRI A. BRAHMANAIAH (MACHILIPATNAM): Sir, there are a number of press reports that India will have the largest number of deaths due to AIDS in the coming years. The Government of India has started National AIDS Control Organisation many years ago. There is no impact of NACO on controlling AIDS in the country. News reporters have also identified the places of origin of AIDS. Highways and hospitals are the most vulnerable places where infection of AIDS starts. No efforts have been made to involve NGOs like the Lions Club, Rotary Club and other organisations to take up AIDS control through education and information.

Therefore, steps should be taken to control the spread of AIDS and also to educate the people about its damages. The second aspect is to make available medication and treatment to hospitals on vast scale to AIDS patients.

Considering the magnitude of the problem, I request the Government to treat AIDS with the highest priority and review the existing failures and also chalk out a time-bound plan to prevent AIDS and provide treatment facilities.