

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 266  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2015**

**SHORTAGE IN SUPPLY OF FREE CONDOMS**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry acknowledges that India's AIDS programme has won praise globally and HIV prevalence among female sex workers halved between 2007 and 2011;
- (b) whether Government also acknowledges the shortage in the supply of free condoms in 2/3rd of India's 31 State AIDS units, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this shortage is because of a one-time procurement issue or a cut in funding; and
- (d) whether measures are being taken to address this shortage, if so, the details thereof?

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

- (a): Yes. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare acknowledges that India's AIDS programme has won praise globally. India's AIDS programme was appreciated in UN General Assembly Special Session held in June 2011 as one of the three success stories in the world. It is also acknowledged that HIV prevalence among female sex workers has halved from 5.06% in 2007 to 2.67% in 2011 as indicated by HIV Sentinel Surveillance data.
- (b) Yes. There was a shortage of condom supply in 26 states except Meghalaya, Gujarat, Tripura, and Arunachal Pradesh, since October, 2015, Condom stock position in all State AIDS Control Societies has improved.
- (c) Yes. The shortage of condom was mainly because of procurement issues.
- (d) Yes. NACO has taken various possible steps and initiatives such as inter- State and intra-State transfer of condom stocks and borrowing of condoms from National Health Mission (NHM) to minimize the impact of delayed supply. Now the procurement of condom has been started and supply of condoms to the all States has initiated.

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