

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1381
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH MARCH, 2017**

DELAY IN LAUNCHING OF HIV PREVENTION PROJECT

1381. SHRI RIPUN BORA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the launch of HIV prevention project in the country is delayed by about 9 months' time;
- (b) if so, present status of the first ever Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis medicine testing project therein;
- (c) the report of WHO on the project and availability of medicines therefor; and
- (d) the initiative of the Drug Controller General of India (DGCI) on the project and their technical support therein?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) to (d): No. NACO is not aware of any such launch of HIV prevention project.

NACO is aware of one Indio-foreign research project on PrEP commissioned by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) titled "Closing a critical HIV prevention gap: demonstrating safety and effective delivery of daily oral pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) as part of an HIV combination preventive intervention for sex workers in Kolkata and Mysore-Mandya, India," which is funded by NIH, USA.

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