

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3650  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018**

**MOTHER-TO-CHILD TRANSMISSION OF HIV/AIDS VIRUS**

**3650. SHRI SANJAY SETH:**

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

- (a) whether it is mandatory for pregnant women to undergo HIV/AIDS test, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether one of the major reason of HIV transmission in the country is through Mother-to-Child transmission;
- (c) if so, the details of pregnant women tested along with the number of them diagnosed with the HIV/AIDS during each of the last three years and the current year especially in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) the number of cases of Mother-to- Child transmission of HIV/AIDS virus reported in the country during the last three years and the current year?

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

(a) & (b): No.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): The total number of cases of Mother – to – Child transmission of HIV/ AIDS virus among children (0 – 14 years) reported in the country in the last three years and current year till January 2018 is follows.

Financial Year	No. of Cases of Mother – to – Child transmission of HIV/AIDS (< 14years)
2014 – 15	8,165
2015 – 16	9,286
2016 – 17	8,540
2017 – 18*	6,637

\*Apr – Jan 2017 – 18