

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 149
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND FEBRUARY, 2018**

‘TEST AND TREAT’ POLICY FOR HIV PATIENTS

149. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

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

- (a) whether it is true that the Government's new test and treat policy for HIV will now have the National AIDS Control Organisation focusing on community based tests to detect hidden cases;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also true that there are 10.50 lakh people with HIV on antiretroviral treatment and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether with the revision in the guidelines, NACO is likely to detect another three lakh cases and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether it is also true that out of the 21 lakh estimated to be living with HIV only 14 lakh patients are on records and if so, the steps taken in this regard?

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

(a) & (b): The test and treat policy launched by the Government mandates treat all people living with HIV (PLHIV) with anti-retroviral therapy regardless of CD4 count, clinical stage, age or population.

Community based testing is testing of ‘at risk’ population, which is so far unreached, through outreach activities at a place convenient to them.

(c): 11.81 lakh people with HIV are on anti-retroviral treatment as of December 2017. The details are annexed.

(d): The guidelines regarding community based testing aim to supplement the existing facility based testing to increase the uptake of HIV testing services among the ‘at risk’ population which have been unreached so far. The cases detected as a result of the tests depend on the risk behavior of the population.

(e): At present, out of the 21 lakh people estimate to be living with HIV, 16.2 Lakh are on record.

The steps taken to improve detection are:-

1. Community based testing for ‘at risk’ population.
2. Universal coverage of pregnant women for HIV testing to detect HIV Positive Pregnant Women and to eliminate mother to child transmission of HIV.

State wise distribution of people with HIV are on anti-retroviral treatment as of December 2017

States/UT	PLHIV on ART
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	108
Andhra Pradesh	172666
Arunachal Pradesh	93
Assam	5704
Bihar	43424
Chandigarh	5637
Chhattisgarh	12404
Delhi	26498
Goa	2817
Gujarat	61540
Haryana	10739
Himachal Pradesh	3913
J&K	2307
Jharkhand	8730
Karnataka	152841
Kerala	12659
Madhya Pradesh	21851
Maharashtra	202315
Manipur	12309
Meghalaya	1725
Mizoram	6623
Mumbai	36699
Nagaland	7289
Odisha	16744
Pondicherry	1192
Punjab	26841
Rajasthan	35943
Sikkim	167
Tamil Nadu	111506
Telangana	73360
Tripura	1174
Uttar Pradesh	64999
Uttarakhand	3476
West Bengal	34832
Total India	1181125