

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4623
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23RD MARCH, 2018**

MANDATORY HIV/AIDS TEST FOR PREGNANT WOMEN

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

- (a) whether one of the major reasons of HIV transmission in the country is through mother to baby transmission;
- (b) 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 Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu;
- (c) whether the Government has mandated HIV/AIDS test, if so, the details thereof;
- (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; and
- (e) whether there is a gap between HIV/AIDS infected children and such infected children who are getting treatment, if so, the details thereof and the other measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to curb MTCT HIV transmission and to reduce the stigma associated with such mothers and children in the country?

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

- (a): No.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): No.
- (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 at **Annexure**.
- (e): Yes, there is a gap of about 15.9% between HIV/AIDS infected children and those who are getting treatment. This is because of the eligibility criteria for initiation of Antiretroviral therapy (ART) before the “Test and Treat Policy” was implemented. The programme is trying to bridge this gap by reaching out to the children through “Mission Sampark”.

NACO undertakes multimedia campaigns which include mass media supported by outdoor media such as hoardings, bus panels, information kiosks, folk performances and exhibition vans to reduce stigma and discrimination at health care settings and communities, across the country.

Annexure

The number of cases of Mother to Child transmission of HIV/AIDS virus reported in the country

Year	Number 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 (till Jan 18)	6,637