

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4072
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04TH JANUARY, 2019**

PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS

4072. SHRI A.P. JITHENDER REDDY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken any study to understand the extent to which the use of Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) medicine could be used to reduce the number of HIV/AIDS patients in India and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has any plan to subsidize and popularize PrEP medicine in India, if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government plans to introduce PrEP as part of its preventive strategy in combating HIV/AIDS and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether it is true that Postexposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) is not readily available for common patients who have been exposed to HIV/AIDS and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the number of hospitals where PrEP is readily available State/UT-wise and steps taken to increase its availability and knowledge; and
- (f) whether the Government plans to introduce PrEP in retail pharmacies without necessitating prescription, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a): No.

(b) & (c): An Expert group has been constituted under the National AIDS Control Organisation to assess and consider all aspects of inclusion of Pre-exposure Prophylaxis under National AIDS Control Programme.

(d): As per current guidelines, Post exposure Prophylaxis is available for healthcare workers with occupational exposure to HIV/AIDS and to victims of sexual assault. Extant guidelines do not permit for provision of Post exposure Prophylaxis for people with exposure to HIV/AIDS other than above criteria.

(e): The total number of hospitals where Post exposure Prophylaxis is readily available is 1646. The State/UT-wise list is at Annexure. The Programme ensures regular supplies of Post exposure Prophylaxis drugs to all states and includes session on it during trainings of Health workers.

(f): No, the drugs used for Post exposure Prophylaxis are schedule "H" drugs and are not recommended to be provided without prescription of registered medical practitioners.

S.N.	State/ UT	Hospital in States/UT with PEP availability
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	3
2	Andhra Pradesh	154
3	Arunachal Pradesh	5
4	Assam	18
5	Bihar	31
6	Chandigarh	7
7	Chhattisgarh	13
8	Delhi	11
9	Goa	6
10	Gujarat	95
11	Haryana	15
12	Himachal Pradesh	11
13	Jammu & Kashmir	6
14	Jharkhand	14
15	Karnataka	260
16	Kerala	23
17	Madhya Pradesh	50
18	Maharashtra	264
19	Manipur	24
20	Meghalaya	5
21	Mizoram	11
22	Mumbai	17
23	Nagaland	14
24	Odisha	34
25	Puducherry	2
26	Punjab	15
27	Rajasthan	63
28	Sikkim	2
29	Tamil Nadu	225
30	Telangana	86
31	Tripura	6
32	Uttar Pradesh	66
33	Uttarakhand	18
34	West Bengal	72
	India	1646