

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2056
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH NOVEMBER, 2019**

WORLD AIDS DAY

**2056. SHRI KESINENI SRINIVAS:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is observing World AIDS Day, if so, the details thereof along with the theme of the event and initiatives taken by the Government to make the event successful;
- (b) the estimated number of AIDS/ HIV patients reported/identified in the country, State/UT-wise including Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) the number of programmes/ schemes run by the Government to control the spread of AIDS in the country along with the problem being faced by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether shortage of funds, drugs and testing kits meant for prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS have been reported from certain States/UTs, if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken/ being taken by the Government in this regard including ensuring availability of affordable treatment of the disease; and
- (e) whether the Government has set any target to eliminate the AIDS epidemic, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a): Yes. The Government is organizing an event to commemorate World AIDS Day on 1st December, 2019 in New Delhi. The theme of the event is “Communities make the difference”. The event will be attended by People Living with HIV (PLHIV), Development Partners, Civil Society Organizations, Communities, Students, Media, Experts, Senior officers and staff of Ministries/Departments and State AIDS Control Societies.

(b): As per latest estimations (2017), there are around 21.40 lakh People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) in India. HIV estimations 2017 report has indicated around 2.70 lakh PLHIV in Andhra Pradesh. State/UT wise estimated number of HIV/AIDS infected people in the country is at Annexure

(c): National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) Phase-IV (Extension), 2017-20 is under implementation as 100% Central Sector Scheme through 37 State/District AIDS Control Societies for prevention and control of HIV/AIDS. NACP response to HIV/AIDS epidemic in India comprise a comprehensive three-pronged strategy of prevention, testing and treatment supported through critical enablers of Information Education Communication (IEC), laboratory services and strategic information management. Communities are at the centre of response, and equity, gender and respect for the rights of communities are NACP's guiding principles.

Currently, there are around 1,408 targeted interventions for prevention of new HIV infection among high risk groups. HIV counselling and testing services are being provided through 31,631 facilities. Free lifelong Anti-Retroviral Therapy for HIV is being provided through 1,656 centers.

(d): No shortage of funds for prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS has been reported from States/UTs.

State/UT AIDS Control Societies are instructed to ensure the availability of HIV testing kits and drugs by means of relocation/diversion from facilities or undertake local procurement to prevent shortages.

(e): The Government has developed seven years National Strategic Plan (NSP) for HIV/AIDS and STI 2017 – 2024 to achieve the 2030 Sustainable Development Goal i.e. ending AIDS as a public health threat by 2030. The fast track target by 2020 envisaged the National AIDS Control Programme:

- I. 75% reduction in new HIV infections,
- II. Achieving 90-90-90 i.e. 90% of those who are HIV positive in the country know their status, 90% of those who know their status are on treatment and 90% of those who are on treatment experience effective viral load suppression,
- III. Elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV, and
- IV. Elimination of HIV/AIDS related stigma and discrimination.

Annexure

State/UT-wise including Andhra Pradesh, estimated number of HIV/AIDS patients reported/identified in the country

Sr. No.	State/UTs	Estimated number of AIDS/HIV infected people (In lakh)
1	Andhra Pradesh	2.700
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0.006
3	Assam	0.135
4	Bihar	1.154
5	Chhattisgarh	0.262
6	Delhi	0.457
7	Goa	0.059
8	Gujrat	0.918
9	Himachal Pradesh	0.031
10	Haryana	0.363
11	Jharkhand	0.334
12	Jammu & Kashmir	0.030
13	Karnataka	2.474
14	Kerala	0.228
15	Meghalaya	0.021
16	Maharashtra	3.297
17	Manipur	0.315
18	Madhya Pradesh	0.512
19	Mizoram	0.168
20	Nagaland	0.170
21	Odisha	0.414
22	Punjab	0.406
23	Rajasthan	0.547
24	Sikkim	0.002
25	Tamil Nadu	1.419
26	Telangana	2.037
27	Tripura	0.027
28	Uttarakhand	0.080
29	Uttar Pradesh	1.340
30	West Bengal	1.439
31	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0.004
32	Chandigarh	0.021
33	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	0.005
34	Daman & Diu	0.004
35	Puducherry	0.018
36	India	21.400