

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4498
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH MARCH, 2020**

HIV INFECTIONS

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

- (a) the five major reasons identified for causing infection of HIV in India;
- (b) the number of HIV positive (HIV/AIDS) patients registered for treatment at Anti-Retroviral Treatment (ART) clinics under National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) in the years 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19, respectively;
- (c) the age and gender profile of the patients;
- (d) whether the Government is aware of the data available at UN AIDS website which states that twenty lakh persons were living with HIV in 2017; and
- (e) if so, the statistical differences between UN AIDS website and his Ministry and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a): HIV infection in India is primarily concentrated among key population and the main high-risk behaviours identified for HIV infection in India include unprotected heterosexual behaviour, unprotected homosexual behaviour and unsafe injecting drug use behaviour. HIV infection has been also reported from HIV infected mother to child (during pregnancy, delivery and breastfeeding). Few cases of HIV infections are also reported through transfusion of HIV infected blood and blood products.

(b): The number of HIV positive (HIV/AIDS) patients registered for treatment at Anti-Retroviral Treatment clinics under National AIDS Control Programme in the reference period is as follows;

Year	No. of Patients
2015-16	11,88,619
2016-17	12,35,711
2017-18	12,72,939
2018-19	13,25,801

(c): The age and gender profile break-up of the HIV patients as on March 2019 is as below:

Age Group	Gender	HIV Patients
Adults (≥ 15 Years)	Male	6,25,326
	Female	6,16,002
	Trans sexual/Tran gender	3,824
Children(<15 years)	Male	45,524
	Female	35,125
Total		13,25,801

(d) & (e): There is no difference between data on HIV/AIDS reported by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoH&FW), Government of India and UNAIDS website. As per latest HIV Estimations (2017) Report, India is estimated to have 21.40 lakh people living with HIV in 2017. MoH&FW periodically reports to UNAIDS through Global AIDS Monitoring mechanism.