

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3288
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH AUGUST, 2022**

“FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR HIV-AIDS PATIENTS”

3288. SHRIMATI CHINTA ANURADHA

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance to persons affected with HIV-AIDS on the lines of the YSR Pension Kanuka Scheme implemented by the Government of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether compensation for medicines, hospital expenses and additional monetary assistance for antiretroviral therapy (ART) are also to be included in the proposed initiative, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has contemplated for creation of single window models of service delivery to address the issues of HIV diagnosis, treatment and care; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

- (a) to (e): National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) is a central sector scheme fully funded by Government of India. Under NACP, free lifelong anti-retro viral (ARV) drugs are provided to people living with HIV(PLHIV) who are registered at Anti-Retroviral Therapy(ART) centres.

In 2017, Government of India passed HIV & AIDS (Prevention and Control) Act under which Ombudsman are appointed in the States to establish grievance redressal mechanism for stigma and discrimination related to HIV.

States have their own social protection schemes including those specially targeted at the PLHIV. NACO connects PLHIV with various social protection schemes through its mainstreaming activities.

Under the present phase of NACP (Phase –V 2021-2026) Sampurna Suraksha Kendras (SSK) are set up for providing services through a single window model for those “at risk” of Human Immunodeficiency virus (HIV) & Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) covering prevention-test-treat-care continuum. It includes a holistic set of services customized as per clients’ needs, with strong linkages and referrals within and outside of health systems.