

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 210
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11TH MARCH, 2016
HIV/AIDS**

***210. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:**

DR. BHOLA SINGH:

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

(a) whether as per an estimation of the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO), approximately 2.08 million people are living with HIV in India and the United Nations (UN) has also reported that India has the third largest number of people living with HIV in the world, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether coverage rate for HIV patients in India is only about 36 percent;

(c) if so, the facts thereof and the reasons for this low level of coverage; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to increase coverage rate for HIV patients including making available the required drugs/medicines and patient care for this disease?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) As per India HIV estimation 2015 report, an estimated 21.17 lakh people are living with HIV.

Yes, India has the third largest number of people living with HIV in the world. The other two countries having higher numbers are South Africa (68 lakh) and Nigeria (34 lakh) [Source: UNAIDS estimates 2014].

The details of estimated number of people living with HIV, State/UTs-wise is at **Annexure**.

(b) & (c) Though about 21.17 lakh people are estimated to be living with HIV (PLHIV), yet Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) is started only for those patients whose CD4 count becomes less than 350. The total number of patients with CD4 count of less than 350 is estimated as 13,45,678. Out of this, the number of people on ART is 9.25 lakhs, making a coverage rate of 69%.

(d) Under the National AIDS Control Programme, (NACP) Phase-IV, National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) provides universal access to comprehensive, equitable, stigma-free, quality care, support and treatment services to all People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV). At present, there are 524 ART Centres and 1,094 Link ART Centres in the country providing free Antiretroviral treatment, treatment for opportunistic infections and counseling services to 9.25 lakh PLHIV. Based on HIV prevalence in different parts of the country, ART Centres and Link ART Centres are scaled up every year to match the demand. In addition, a total of 350 Care and Support Centres (CSCs) have been established through civil society organizations which complement the services provided by ART centres through counseling, outreach and linkage to need based other government welfare schemes and services. Constant efforts are made to increase awareness about HIV testing & treatment facilities for ensuring Universal access.

During the last three years, PLHIV on ART have been increasing as follows:

March, 2013 - 6,32,397;

March, 2014- 7,59,242;

March, 2015 -8,51,883 and

Jan,2016- 9,25,451

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Annexure

Estimated Number of People living with HIV Infections (PLHIV- Adult & Children) by States/UTs 2015

States/UT	Estimated Number of People living with HIV Infections
Andhra Pradesh	3,94,661
Arunachal Pradesh	606
Assam	12,090
Bihar	1,50,689
Chhattisgarh	30,838
Delhi	30,216
Goa	4,619
Gujarat	1,66,333
Himachal Pradesh	5,723
Haryana	22,596
Jharkhand	34,386
Jammu & Kashmir	2,777
Karnataka	1,99,060
Kerala	23,376
Meghalaya	1,122
Maharashtra	3,01,453
Manipur	24,457
Madhya Pradesh	44,409
Mizoram	5,762
Nagaland	11,050
Odisha	67,654
Punjab	36,794
Rajasthan	1,03,148
Sikkim	939
Tamil Nadu	1,42,982
Tripura	7,238
Uttarakhand	7,059
Uttar Pradesh	1,50,361
West Bengal	1,28,757
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	186
Chandigarh	2,933
Dadar & Nagar Haveli	463
Daman & Diu	284
Puducherry	1,560
India	21,16,581