

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1002  
ANSWERED ON:09.03.2005  
NATIONAL COUNCIL ON AIDS  
Singh Shri Chandra Bhushan

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to form a National Council on AIDS ; and
- (b) if so the details and the guidelines thereof ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE ( SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Government is setting up a National Council on AIDS, under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister, to mainstream HIV/AIDS issues in all Ministries and Departments by considering it as a development challenge and not merely public health problem. The Union Health Minister would be Co-Chairman and the Members would include Ministers of several Ministries of Government of India, some Chief Ministers and few representatives from Civil Society. AS&DG NACO is proposed as Member Secretary. Detailed terms of reference/guidelines are being formulated.