

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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TERRORIST STRATEGY TO SPREAD AIDS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Assam Rifles have received any threat from North East Insurgent Groups that security forces would be infected with HIV;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of HIV infected PMF personnel in the region alongwith the amount of expenditure incurred by the Government on such patients; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to protect PMF personnel from this disease?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): No, Sir.

(c): 254 Central Para Military Force personnel have been detected to be infected with HIV virus in the N.E. region. The amount incurred on their treatment is about Rs.15 Lakh per month.

(d): The following steps have been taken by the Para Military Forces for prevention of this disease:-

- i) Regular sensitization of Force personnel on HIV/AIDS by medical staff and unit commanders.
- ii) Regular lectures on the matter are being organised.
- iii) Initiative in conjunction with NACO and local NGO for uniformed intervention to check the spread of HIV/AIDS.
- iv) Periodical Circulars to all formations.
- v) Fixing posters at vantage points and distribution of booklets on HIV/AIDS.
- vi) Conducting workshops.