

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PHASE III PROGRAMME AGAINST AIDS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to start National Aids Control Programme ,Phase-III to prevent and control the spread of HIV/AIDS in the country ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the States which need to be focused during the Phase-III programme ; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Government have initiated the planning process for Phase III of the National AIDS Control Programme. The process has following an inclusive and consultative approach with the participation of all development partners, government departments and civil society representatives, including people living with HIV/AIDS.

A national strategic framework for NACP III has been developed based on inputs received from 14 thematic working groups, development partners, civil society and networks of people living with HIV/AIDS. Currently, the States and UTs are preparing their programme implementation plans based on the national strategic framework. The national programme implementation plan will be finalized based on the State plans.

The phase II of NACP comes to an end on 31st March 2006. It is expected that Phase III of the NACP will be implemented w.e.f. 1st July, 2006.

(c) During Phase III of the programme focus will be increased both in high prevalence states as well as in highly vulnerable states.

(d) The steps being taken in this regard are as under: At the national level, National Council on AIDS has been formed under the Chairmanship of Hon`ble Prime Minister & 31 Union Ministers and 7 Chief Ministers are the members.

Convergence of the HIV/AIDS services being done with National Rural Health Mission(NRHM) and Reproductive & Child Health(RCH) programme below district level. Mainstreaming of HIV/AIDS with general health care & other ministries/department will be one of the major component of NACP-III.

State specific project implementation plan is being developed by NACP-III team. The prevention, care support and treatment facilities are being scaled up and funds for the programme has been increased from 2004-05. Further scaling up of facilities & allocation of fund is planned under NACP-III. State level Legislative forum on HIV/AIDS is being formed in the States.